

The Australian Women's Register

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Bage, Anna Frederika

(1883 - 1970)

Nationality Australian

Born 11 April, 1883, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Died 23 October, 1970, Brisbane Queensland Australia

Occupation Academic, Biologist, Sports administrator

Summary

Anna Bage was a talented scientist who worked her way through the junior ranks of the Department of Biology at the University of Melbourne to become a forerunner of women in public life in Queensland to where she moved in 1914 to take up the position of lecturer in charge of biology in 1913. In 1914 she became principal of the Women's College, a position she held for the next 32 years. She was committed to the cause of encouraging women to become tertiary educated and travelled widely throughout Queensland to promote her college to rural communities. She was a member of many women's interest groups, and played a lead role in the formation of the Queensland Women Graduates' Association (later the Queensland Association of University Women). She was president of the Australian Federation of University Women in 1928-29.

Anna Bage's interests were many and varied. A nature lover, patron of the arts and motoring enthusiast, Bage was also a member of several women's sporting associations. She managed the first hockey team in Australia to travel interstate, from Melbourne to Adelaide in 1908, and was president of the Queensland Women's Hockey Association in 1925-31.

She was appointed OBE – Officer of The Order of the British Empire (Civil) – 12 June 1941 for public service.

Events

1914 - 1946

Principal of the Women's College at the University of Queensland

1905 - 1905

Graduated BSc from the University of Melbourne

1906 - 1906

Graduated MSc with second-class honours from the University of Melbourne

1906 - 1906

Final honour scholarship in Biology

1907 - 1907

Awarded the McBain Research Scholarship

1908 - 1908

Awarded the Victorian Government Research Scholarship

1910 - 1911

Research student at King's College, London

1906 - 1909

Junior demonstrator in biology at the University of Melbourne

1912 - 1912

Senior demonstrator in biology at the University of Melbourne

1913 - 1913

Senior lecturer in biology at the University of Queensland

1917 - 1917

Member of the National Council of Women of Queensland Recruiting committee

1915 - 1915

President of the Field Naturalists' Club

1916 - 1916

President of the Women's Club, Brisbane

1922 - 1923

President of the Lyceum Club, Brisbane

1923 - 1949

Member of the Senate at the University of Queensland

1928 - 1929

President of the Australian Federation of University Women

1925 - 1931

President of the Queensland Women's Hockey Association

1926 - 1926

Substitute delegate to the League of Nations Assembly, Geneva

1938 - 1938

Substitute delegate to the League of Nations Assembly, Geneva

1939 - 1945

President of the Women of the University's War Work Group at the University of Queensland

2041 - 2041

Appointed Officer to the Order of the British Empire

2051 - 2051

Conferred an honorary doctorate of laws by the University of Queensland

1914 - 1918

President of the Women of the University's War Work Group at the University of Queensland

Published resources

Resource Section

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Who's Who in Australia 1950, Alexander, Joseph A, 1950

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Site Exhibition

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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Archival resources

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[Anna Frederika Bage - Records](#)

The University of Queensland Archives

[Anna Frederika Bage - Records](#)

Janet Clarke Hall, University of Melbourne

[Anna Frederika Bage - Records](#)

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc

[Miscellaneous papers](#)

[Bage family papers](#)

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