

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0140

## Ross, Isabella Younger (Isie)

(1887 - 1956)

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<b>Born</b>	18870715, Warrnambool Victoria Australia
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<b>Died</b>	19560402
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<b>Occupation</b>	Medical practitioner
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### Summary

On 9 June 1938, Isabella Younger Ross was awarded the Order of the British Empire for her services as secretary to the Baby Health Centre Association of Victoria.

### Details

Born at Warrnambool Victoria, Isabella was educated at the universities of Melbourne and Glasgow. In 1916 she married John Ross and they were to have one son who died on active service in New Guinea.

Isabella worked as a Clinical Assistant at the Queen Victoria, Royal Women's and Children's hospitals. Actively involved with infant welfare she helped establish the first Victorian baby clinic at Richmond in June 1917 and became a central figure in the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association.

A member of the Melbourne Lyceum, Isabella Ross was president from 1938 until 1940. A plaque commemorating her can be found at the Queen Elizabeth Maternal and Child Welfare Centre, Carlton.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1944, Alexander, Joseph A, 1944

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

#### Book

Australian nurses since Nightingale 1860-1990, Burchill, Elizabeth, 1992

'This Mad Folly!': The History of Australia's Pioneer Women Doctors, Hutton Neve, Marjorie, 1980

#### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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