

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Downes, Doris Mary

(1890 - 1981)

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**Born** 18900429, Armadale Victoria Australia

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**Died** 19811119, Cambrian Hill Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Community worker

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### Summary

Doris Mary Robb was born in 1890 at Armadale Victoria, the daughter of Arthur Thomas and Ethel Gertrude (née Richardson) Robb. On 20 November 1913 she married Rupert Major Downes (later Major-General and director of Medical Services, 2nd Australian Army Melbourne) at St John's Church Toorak. They had three children. As Doris Downes she was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 4 October 1918 for work among soldiers' families through the Friendly Union of Soldier's Wives. She died in 1981 aged 91 years.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

The Alexandra Club : A Narrative 1903-1983, Starke, Monica, 1986

#### 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>

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