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Ruston, Gertrude Winifred

(1897 - 1985)

Born	18970415, East Ham Essex England
Died	19850107, Perth Western Australia Australia
Occupation	Child welfare advocate, Community activist, Educationist

Summary

Gertrude Ruston was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 13 June 1970 for services to the community. Ruston was state secretary of the Women's Service Guild for over six years, convener of the committee for Mentally Retarded Children, vice-president of the Slow Learning Children's Group and Honorary life member. She served as a member on the Western Australian committee on Access for Disabled for many years and assisted in the producing of the Guide to Perth for the Handicapped. One of her most outstanding services was the establishment of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Perth. Ruston also was involved with the establishment of Council of Social Service of Western Australia, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Perth Emergency Housekeeper Service.

Published resources

Newspaper Article
Well-known figure in WA community services dies aged 88, 1985

Book
The Clock of Time, or, From Venturesome Pom to Dinkum Aussie, Ruston, Gertrude, 1983

Photograph
Women's Service Guilds members at unveiling of plaque on board the M V Kabbarli, West Australian Newspapers, 1954

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition
Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,
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