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Plumb, Gwendoline Jean (Gwen)

(1912 - 2002)

Born	19120101, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Died	20020605
Occupation	Actor

Summary

Gwendoline (commonly known as Gwen) Plumb was awarded an Order of Australia (AM) on 13 June 1993 for services to the entertainment industry [1]. On 1 January 1973 she was appointed Order of the British Empire (Civil) for service to the community and charities.

Details

During a career that spanned six decades, Gwen Plumb featured in radio, television and stage productions. She played Emmie in the ABC radio serial *Blue Hills* and also was a radio presenter for Radio 2GB. She played Ada Simmonds in the television series *The Young Doctors*, and featured in *Richmond Hill* and *Harp in the South*.

During World War II, Plumb joined the Australian Women's Land Army and worked in cherry-picking as part of the war effort when many men were called to service [2]. One of the founding members of the Belvoir Street Theatre (Sydney), she starred in the first Australian production of *Steaming* in 1983.

In 1993 Plumb announced her retirement at a reunion of the Independent Theatre. She passed away at her home at Kirribilli on 5 June 2002.

Published resources

Book
The golden age of Australian radio drama 1923-1960 : a history through biography, Lane, Richard, 1994

Newspaper Article
Vivid vaudevillian, Fisher, Rodney, 2002

Plumb Crazy all these years, 2002

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