

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0219

## Buttrose, Ita Clare

(1942 - )

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**Born** 17 January, 1942, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Author, Businesswoman, Editor, Journalist, Print journalist, Radio Journalist, Television Journalist

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### Summary

On 10 June 2019, Ita Buttrose was appointed Companion (AC) in the General Division, Order of Australia for eminent service to the community through leadership in the media, the arts, and the health sector, and as a role model. On 13 June 1988, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for service to the community, particularly in the fields of medical education and health care. In the Queen's Birthday list 1979 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for service to journalism. She became the first woman to be awarded the Harnett Medal for community service and achievements in publishing, journalism, radio and television.

### Details

Daughter of: Charles Oswald and Mary Clare (née Rodgers) Buttrose.

Ita Buttrose was the founding editor of *Cleo* magazine in 1972. She then became editor of the *Australian Women's Weekly* and later publisher of Australian Consolidated Press Women's Division. A journalist by trade, Ita Buttrose has worked in all forms of media (print, radio and television) during her career.

Before starting her own company Capricorn Publishing, Ita Buttrose was a director of News Ltd, editor-in-chief of the Daily and Sunday Telegraphs, columnist and editorial consultant for the Fairfax magazine group and then editor-in-chief of the *Sun Herald* newspaper.

From 1984-1988, Ita Buttrose chaired the National Advisory Committee on AIDS. She is patron of Women of Vision, World Vision Australia, The University of Third Age, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Australia, Amaranth, the National Menopause Foundation, the Sydney Women's Festival, Safety House and National Institute of Secretaries and Administrators.

In 1984 she was named Variety Club's Personality of the Year as well as Australasian Academy of Broadcast, Arts and Sciences for the most promising Newcomer to Radio. In 1993 Ita Buttrose was named Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Australian of the Year.

[1] [http://www.cew.org.au/view\\_profile.cfm?member=Ita%20Buttrose](http://www.cew.org.au/view_profile.cfm?member=Ita%20Buttrose) accessed 28/10/2002.

[2] *ibid*

## Events

### **1979 - 1979**

Appointed the Order of the British Empire – Officer (Civil)

### **1975 - 1976**

Editor of the *Australian Women's Weekly*

### **1972 - 1975**

Founding editor of *Cleo*

### **1990 - 1996**

Director of the Prudential Corporation Trust Australia

### **1990 - 1994**

Director of the Australia Advisory Board

### **1998 - 1998**

Director of The Smith Family, Australia

### **1997 - 1999**

Chairman of the Australian Services Nurses' National Memorial Fund

### **1997 - 1998**

Member of the Federal Government Conference for Older Australians

### **1995 - 1997**

President of the National Opera Festival

### **1992 - 1993**

President of Chief Executive Women

### **1988 - 1988**

Appointed Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

### **2042 - 2042**

Born daughter of Charles Oswald and Mary Clare (née Rodgers) Buttrose

### **2001 - 2001**

Chairman of Terraplanet Ltd

### **2000 - 2000**

Director of Terraplanet Ltd

### **2000 - 2000**

GST Customer Advocate for Woolworths Supermarket chain

### **1999 - 1999**

Columnist for *The Australian Women's Weekly*

### **1998 - 1998**

Columnist for *Courier Newspaper Group* (Sydney)

### **1998 - 1998**

Member of the Alcohol Beverages Advertising Code Complaints Adjudication Panel

### **1997 - 1997**

TV Panelist for *Beauty and the Beast* on Foxtel and the Ten Network, Australia

### **1995 - 1998**

Director of Buttrose and Dominguez Design

### **1995 - 1996**

Broadcaster for Radio 2GB, Sydney

### **1984 - 1987**

Broadcaster for Radio 2KY and 2UE, Sydney



**1988 - 1994**

Chief Executive Officer of Capricorn Publishing Pty Ltd

**1989 - 1994**

Editor of *ITA Magazine*

**1988 - 1988**

Editor-in-chief of *The Sun-Herald*

**1981 - 1984**

Editor-in-chief of the *The Daily Telegraph* and of the *The Sunday Telegraph*

**1976 - 1981**

Editor-in-chief of the *Australian Women's Weekly* and of *Cleo*

**1984 - 1988**

Publishing consultant to *Women's Day* and *Portfolio* magazines

**1981 - 1981**

Appointed Board member of News Ltd, Australia

**1978 - 1981**

Director of the K G Murray Leisure Group

**2001 - 2001**

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

**1991 - 1994**

Chairman of AIDS Trust Australia

**1984 - 1988**

Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS (NACAIDS)

**1991 - 1992**

Director of Television & Telecasters Pty Ltd

**1992 - 1992**

Awarded Hartnett Medal

**1970 - 2000**

**2019 - 2019**

Companion (AC) in the General Division, Order of Australia: For eminent service to the community through leadership in the media, the arts, and the health sector, and as a role model.

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

### **Article**

Service nurses honoured with long awaited memorial, 1999

### **Site Exhibition**

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

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>

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Meredith Hinchliffe, 1957-1981 \[manuscript\]](#)

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