

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0228

## Craven, Dilys

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**Occupation** Paediatrician

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### Summary

Dilys Craven, née Rees, was acknowledged for her work as a paediatrician at the Adelaide Children's Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide. Born and educated in Wales she became the senior visiting specialist in paediatrics at the Adelaide Children's Hospital from 1951. In 1954 she became the senior visiting specialist in paediatrics at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She completed a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Adelaide in 1966. During World War II, she served as Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps (UK) from 1944-1945 and was in Europe on active service with the British Army of the Rhine from 1945-1947. She married David Craven in December 1950 and had two daughters. Other commitments included a term as president of the Australian Federation of Medical Women in 1980, and as a committee member of the National Council of Women of Australia. She was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1981 for her services to medicine and paediatrics. She retired from medical practice in 1984, but retained her links with the hospitals as Emeritus Physician.

### Published resources

#### 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>

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1983, Draper, W. J., 1983

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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