

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Sisely, Lorna Verdun

(1916 - 2004)

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**Born** 14 March, 1916, Wangaratta Victoria Australia

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**Died** 27 January, 2004, Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Surgeon

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### Summary

Lorna Sisely, born in 1916 in Wangaratta, was educated at Wangaratta High School, Methodist Ladies College (Melb.) and Janet Clarke Hall University of Melbourne. She was a junior then senior Resident Medical Officer (RMO) at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne from 1942 until 1944. Later Sisely was founder and consultant surgeon at the Monash Medical Centre Breast Clinic. Among her other activities she was a member of the Anti-Cancer Council 1964 – 1981. On 14 June 1980 Lorna Sisely was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for her service to medicine.

[NB: the above biography was researched and written by Philida Sturgiss-Hoy for Women's History Month 2003]

### Events

#### 1942 - 1944

Junior and Senior Resident Medical Officer at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne

#### 1947 - 1981

Surgeon and member of the senior staff with the Queen Victoria Medical Centre

#### 1964 - 1981

Member of the Anti-Cancer Council

#### 1949 - 1949

Winner of the Gordon Craig Scholarship in Surgery

#### 1947 - 1949

Honourary Assistant Surgeon at the Children's Hospital, Melbourne

#### 1947 - 1949

Demonstrator with the Department of Anatomy and Pathology at the University of Melbourne

#### 1981 - 1981

Consultant Surgeon at the Monash Medical Centre

#### 1979 - 1979

Founder and Consultant Surgeon of the Breast Clinic Monash Monash Medical Centre

#### 1980 - 1981

Dean of the Clinical School at the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Monash University

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

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

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

### **Resource**

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,  
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### **Newspaper Article**

Surgeon championed women in medicine, Callander, John; Hart, Stewart and Collins, Peter, 2004

Pioneering woman surgeon who always shone, Hudson, Susan, 2004

### **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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