

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Lorna Mitchell interviewed by Criena Fitzgerald [sound recording]

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### Details

Lorna Mitchell talks about her family circumstances, her mothers work as a dressmaker and grandmother's boarding house; her stepfather; a move to Kunanalling; her schooling at South Kalgoorlie State School and at Kunanalling; their hessian house at Kunnanalling; refrigeration; neighbours; prospectors in the vicinity; the Stamp Battery; collecting wildflowers; life being free; the Kunanalling Post Office and store; their first car; moving to Coolgardie; Coolgardie State School, Hospital and hall; dances in Coolgardie and the picture theatre; studying at night school; her first job; work being hard for women to get; the riots in Kalgoorlie (1934); her work in the Railway Hotel with Mrs Lewis the owner; meeting her husband Rex, a mining registrar and Secretary of National Football League; their marriage at Kalgoorlie Cathedral (1934); her daughter; working for Red Cross during WWII; collecting blood for the war; Dr Oxer; Committee of the Red Cross; post war Kalgoorlie; working with disabled students; teaching mentally handicapped children; Ethel Miller; being paid by the Education Department; School of the Air children; Fresh Air League; her twenty years of teaching; her retirement; standing for the Kalgoorlie Council, being the first woman to be elected; improvements for Kalgoorlie; support from her husband and her satisfaction with her life.

### Author Details

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