

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Adderley, Vera May

(1915 - 1984)

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**Born** 17 September, 1915, Werris Creek New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1984, New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Matron, Servicewoman

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### Summary

Vera Adderley worked at the Dubbo and Crown Street Hospitals before serving with the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service from 1941 to 1947. She joined the Parramatta Hospital in 1955 and in 1962 she was appointed Assistant Matron at the Prince Henry Hospital. Adderley became Director of Nursing Services at the Prince Henry and Prince of Wales Hospitals in 1966. She was also a council member of the College of Nursing New South Wales, the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association and the Matrons' Institute of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. In 1978, Adderley was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire and a building is named in her honour on the Randwick Hospitals Campus.

### Events

#### 1966 - 1966

Director of Nursing Services at the Prince Henry and Prince of Wales Hospitals, Sydney

#### 1934 - 1938

With Dubbo Hospital

#### 1939 - 1939

With Crown Street Hospital

#### 1941 - 2047

Served with the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service

#### 1955 - 1962

With Parramatta Hospital

#### 1962 - 1966

Assistant matron at the Prince Henry Hospital

#### 1965 - 1965

Council member of the College of Nursing New South Wales

#### 1966 - 1966

Council member of the Matrons' Institute of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory

#### 1966 - 1966

Council member of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association

#### 1978 - 1978

Appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)

## Published resources

### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1968, Legge, J S, 1968

Who's Who in Australia, 1971, Legge, J S, 1971

### Resource Section

ADDERLEY, VERA MAY, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,  
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=R&VeteranID=1068853>

### Book

Story of the RAAF nursing service : 1940-1990, Halstead, Gay., 1994

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

[ADDERLEY VERA MAY : Service Number - 501134 : Date of birth - 17 Sep 1915 : Place of birth - Unknown : Place of enlistment - Unknown : Next of Kin - ADDERLEY V](#)

### National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Vera Adderley interviewed by Amy McGrath \[sound recording\]](#)

### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Vera Adderley, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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## Digital resources



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