

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Lang, Margaret Irene

(1893 - 1983)

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**Born** 23 May, 1893, Oxley Victoria Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1983, Canterbury Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Matron, Nurse

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### Summary

Margaret Lang was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire on 8 June 1950 for service with the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service. Lang was the founder and Matron-in-Chief of the Service during World War II. She had completed her training at Wangaratta District Hospital and the Women's Hospital (later Royal), Melbourne. During World War I Lang served in Salonika with the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS). Other positions she held included being a Matron of a number of Victorian country hospitals, the Police Hospital and the Talbot Epileptics Colony in Clayton, Victoria.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1944, Alexander, Joseph A, 1944

#### Book Section

World War II : Nursing Services, Jacobson, Gwendoline

#### 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

#### Book

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

### Archival resources

#### Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

[Portrait of Miss Margaret Irene Lang, founder of the RAAF Nursing Service](#)

[Matron Margaret Lang](#)

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Margaret Lang, nursing administrator, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

### Author Details

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## Digital resources



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