

The Australian Women's Register

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Wedgwood, Camilla Hildegarde

(1901 - 1955)

Born	25 March, 1901, Newcastle-upon-Tyne England
Died	17 May, 1955, St Leonards New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Anthropologist, Educator

Summary

Camilla Wedgwood, the fifth of seven children of Josiah and Ethel (née Bowen) Wedgwood, came to Australia in 1928 to lecture in anthropology at the University of Sydney. She then lectured at the University of Capetown, South Africa and at the London School of Economics and Political Science before being granted a fellowship to study the lives of women and children on Manam Island, New Guinea by the Australian National Research Council. Later Wedgwood became principal of Women's College at the University of Sydney and held this position until her appointment in the Australian Army Medical Women's Service, at the express wish of General Sir Thomas Blamey. She developed policies for postwar educational reconstruction in Papua New Guinea. Following her discharge Wedgwood returned to lecturing. A member of the Australian Student Christian Movement she was also involved with the Rachel Forster Hospital for Women and Children, the Anthropological Society of New South Wales, the Australian Federation of University Women and the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

Events

1924 - 1924

Passed anthropology tripos

1923 - 1923

Held the Arthur Hugh Clough scholarship

1924 - 1924

Held the Bathurst scholarship

1927 - 1927

Qualified as Master of Arts (MA)

1925 - 1925

Joined the Society of Friends

1935 - 1944

Principal of the Women's College at the University of Sydney

1936 - 1944

Honorary lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Sydney

1944 - 1946

Lieutenant-colonel, in the Australian Army Medical Women's Service, attached to the Army Directorate of Research and Land Headquarters School of Civil Affairs

1944 - 1945

Service in New Guinea

1947 - 1948

Taught at the Institute of Education at the University of London

1949 - 1949

Senior lecturer in native administration at the Australian School of Pacific Administration (now ITI, International Training Institute)

1924 - 1924

Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland

1920 - 1920

Studied anthropology at Newnham College, Cambridge, under W E Armstrong and A C Haddon

1922 - 1922

Passed with first-class honours the English tripos

1926 - 1927

Assistant lecturer in the Department of Social Studies at Bedford College, London

1928 - 1929

Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology with the University of Sydney

1930 - 1930

Temporary lecturer in the Department of African Life and Languages with the University of Cape Town

1931 - 1932

Council member of the Royal Anthropological Institute

1931 - 1932

Member of the British Social Hygiene Council

1932 - 1934

Granted a fellowship by the Australian National Research Council for research work in Manam Island, New Guinea

1935 - 1935

Carried out research work in Nauru Island

1931 - 1932

Assistant lecturer with the London School of Economics

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