

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE0847

McCarthy, Gwendolen (Gwen) Helen

(1901 - 1980)

Born 1 January, 1901, Norwood South Australia Australia

Died 23 September, 1980, South Australia Australia

Occupation Lawyer

Summary

Gwen McCarthy was born Gwendolen Helen Ure in Norwood in 1901. She was educated at Methodist Ladies College (now Annesley College) and studied law at Adelaide University, where, in 1923, she was awarded the prestigious Stow prize and medal, styled Stow Scholar because she won three prizes in her annual examinations that year. Gwendolen Ure was the first female Stow Scholar.

She joined the Lyceum Club in Adelaide in 1923 and was president 1967-1969. She married James McCarthy in 1927 and they set up a law practice in Kadina. Here she was involved in the Girl Guides. On her husband's death McCarthy returned to Adelaide and joined the firm of Thompson, Cleland, Holland and McCarthy.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

[Address by Aileen Bond and Constance McCarthy \[sound recording\]](#)

[The career of Gwendolen McCarthy: \[sound recording\]](#)

Author Details

Anne Heywood

Created 6 April 2004

Last modified 5 February 2019