

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0852

## Hurn, Ruth

(1915 - 2010)

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**Born** 1 January, 1915, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Died** 16 September, 2010

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**Occupation** Nurse, Nurse educator

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### Summary

Ruth Hurn, née Derbyshire, was born in Melbourne. During the early years of World War II she was a Red Cross volunteer at the Port Lincoln Hospital. In 1945 she commenced training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH). In 1969 she was appointed Nursing Advisor to the Hospitals Department. During five years in this post, Hurn was associated with several developments in nursing education including the tertiary nursing course at Sturt College of Nursing in Adelaide. After retirement from the Hospitals Department she spent five years as Director of Nursing at the Berri Hospital.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Ruth Hurn \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Joan Durdin

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