

The Australian Women's Register

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Reinpuu, Ene-Mai

(1932 - 2022)

Born	19 August, 1932, Estonia
Died	19 July, 2022, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Occupation	Community worker

Summary

Ene-Mai Reinpuu left Estonia with her parents as refugees fleeing the threat of Soviet invasion, arriving in South Australia in 1949. Ene-Mai married Villi Reinpuu, also from Estonia and they had two children.

Reinpuu had a life long involvement in ethnic community and multicultural organisations. She served as secretary (1967-1986) and president (1987 –) of the Estonia Society of Adelaide. She was honorary secretary of the Council of Estonian Societies in Australia 1976-1978, 1985-1987 and 1994-1996. Reinpuu was chosen as an Australian representative at the 'Kongress of Estonia' held in Estonia in 1990. She was vice-chairperson of the Estonian Cultural Festival of Australia and a member of the organising committee since 1958. She served as a member of the Council of Baltic Women (affiliated with National Council of Women), was the Estonian community representative on Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia, and a founding member of the Friends of the Estonian Museum.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Ene-Mai Reinpuu \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Helen Chryssides

[Launch of the second stage of The Honoured Women Oral History Project \[sound recording\]](#)

[Storytelling by Ene-Mai Reinpuu \[sound recording\]](#) Recordist: Aliko Tziavrangos

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