

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

**Entry ID:** AWE0960

## Flick, Isabel Ann

(1928 - 2000)

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**Born** 1 January, 1928, Goondiwindi Queensland Australia

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**Died** 1 February, 2000, Australia

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**Occupation** Aboriginal rights activist, Community worker, Educator

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### Summary

Isabel Flick grew up in a camp in northern New South Wales, and worked on health, education and other social issues across the state. She helped establish Aboriginal housing in Collarenebri, New South Wales. She was a recipient of the Order of the British Empire for services to the community. Together with her sister Rose, she fought a long battle for the protection of the carved trees at the Collymongle Bora (male initiation) ground, northern New South Wales. The last four years before her death she lived in Gunnedah, New South Wales. She regularly travelled to Sydney to teach Aboriginal history at the Tranby Aboriginal College where she was on the Board of Directors.

## Published resources

### Thesis

Cataloguing culture : in search of the origins of written records, material culture and oral histories of the Gamaroi, northern New South Wales, Kovacic, Leonarda, 2001

### Book

Isabel Flick : the many lives of an extraordinary Aboriginal woman, Flick, Isabel and Goodall, Heather, 2004

Travelling with Percy: A South Coast Journey, Chittick, L. and Fox, T., 1997

Invasion to embassy : land in Aboriginal politics in New South Wales, 1770-1972, Goodall, Heather, 1996

The wailing : a national Black oral history, Rintoul, Stuart., 1993

### Journal Article

Flick, Isabel, 1986

Flick, Isabelle, 1967

Bicentennial Preliminaries: Aboriginal Women, Newspapers and the Politics of Culture, Greenfield, C. and Williams, P.

### Videorecording

Inard Oongali: Women's Journey, 1999

### Newspaper Article

Obituaries: Isabel Ann Flick, Goodall, Heather

### Resource Section

Mourning, Remembrance and the Politics of Place: A study in the significance of Collarenebri Aboriginal Cemetery, Goodall, Heather,

<http://www.transforming.cultures.uts.edu.au/goodall/mourning/index.html>

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### Private Hands (These regards may not be readily available)

[Isabel Flick, Gunnedah, 13 September 1999 - interview](#)

### AIATSIS Pictorial Collection

[Group photo at Toomelah](#)

[In Our Time - Photographs from The Movement, 1970-1994](#)

### Author Details

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