

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Merenda, Francesca

(1924 - 2016)

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<b>Born</b>	16 September, 1924, North Queensland Australia
<b>Died</b>	23 March, 2016, Darling Point New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Welfare worker

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### Summary

Francesca Merenda began work with Department of Immigration in 1969 as the first ever Italian speaking welfare worker. She was a member of the group appointed by Malcolm Fraser in 1977, and chaired by Sir Frank Galbally, to review post-arrival migrant programs and services.

Francesca Merenda had a long association with Co.As.It. Italian Association of Assistance, including as a member of the Board of Directors after the Association was incorporated in 1984.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

The Experience of Wartime Internment, An interview with Francesca Merenda, Andrew Jakubowicz, <http://www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au/library/media/Video/id/814.The-experience-of-wartime-internment>

#### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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