

The Australian Women's Register

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Merenda, Francesca

(1924 - 2016)

Born 16 September, 1924, North Queensland Australia

Died 23 March, 2016, Darling Point New South Wales Australia

Occupation Welfare worker

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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