

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Riddell, Elizabeth

(1910 - 1998)

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<b>Born</b>	1 January, 1910, Napier New Zealand
<b>Died</b>	31 December, 1998, Sydney New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Journalist, Poet, Print journalist

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### Summary

Born in New Zealand in 1910, Elizabeth Riddell was recruited as a journalist to work in Sydney straight from school. In 1939 she started work on *The Sun* newspaper, during World War Two she opened and ran the *Daily Mirror's* New York bureau, and in the 1960s, she became senior interviewer and critic for the arts pages of *The Australian*. Several books of her poetry have been published over the years.

### Events

#### 1939 - 1970

#### 1968 - 1968

Best Newspaper Feature Story, The Australian – News Limited

#### 1969 - 1969

Best Newspaper Feature Story, The Australian – News Limited

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Interview with Elizabeth Riddell, Hughes, Robin, 1992,  
<http://www.australianbiography.gov.au/riddell/index.html>

#### Resource

Portrait of Elizabeth Riddell, Bondi, 1984 [picture], Bolton, A. T.,  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.pic-an14483924>

Portrait of Elizabeth Riddell [picture], Kahan, Louis, 1970,  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.pic-an4001596>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

This Difficult Island, Riddell, Elizabeth, 1994

The untrammelled, Riddell, Elizabeth, 1940

From the midnight courtyard, Riddell, Elizabeth, 1989

#### Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

## Archival resources

### **National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection**

[Elizabeth Riddell interviewed by Hazel de Berg for the Hazel de Berg collection \[sound recording\]](#)

### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Poems, \[ca. 1960-1994\] \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers of Elizabeth Riddell, 1982-1990 \[manuscript\]](#)

### **State Library of New South Wales**

[Dale Spender - papers, 1972-1995](#)

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