

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2885

## Kenihan, Kerry

(1944 - )

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**Born** 19 April, 1944, Mildura Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Journalist, Print journalist, Teacher, Writer

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### Summary

Kerry Kenihan worked as a primary school teacher before turning to journalism, a career she has followed for over thirty years. She was at one time women's editor of the Melbourne *Sunday Observer* and chief sub-editor of *New Idea*. In the 1970s Kenihan was a prolific writer of short stories, many of them romances, which she published under various pseudonyms. Since then she has worked freelance, writing both general news and features on topics including medicine, food and wine, and women's issues.

Her second son, Quentin, was born in 1975 with severe osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), which meant that his bones were as brittle as eggshell. With her husband Kenihan founded the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation to assist families afflicted with this condition. Their experiences in caring for Quentin and helping him to overcome the difficulties resulting from his OI led her to write the book *How to be the Parents of a Handicapped Child – and Survive* (1981), and in 1985 when Quentin was ten she wrote his story.

### Events

**1960 - 1990**

### Published resources

#### Book

Quentin, Kenihan, Kerry, 1985

How to be the parents of a handicapped child- and survive, Kenihan, Kerry, 1981

#### 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>

#### Resource

AustLit: The Australian Literature Resource, 2002, <http://www.austlit.edu.au/>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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