

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Ogilvie, Florinda Katharine

(1902 - 1983)

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<b>Born</b>	12 January, 1902, Glen Innes New South Wales Australia
<b>Died</b>	27 January, 1983, Darlinghurst Sydney New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Academic, Social worker

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### Summary

Florinda Katharine Ogilvie was a pioneer in the developing field of medical social work, who served as a fellow of the University of Sydney Senate in the 1940s.

### Details

#### Education

1923: Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney.

1931: Studied hospital administration in the United States for two months, sponsored by Rachel Foster Hospital.

1933-34: Completed a course in medical social work in Britain and became an associate of the Institute of Almoners.

1950-51: Returned to Britain to study methods of teaching social work for six months, visiting the Universities of London and Oxford, the British Institute of Almoners, St Thomas Hospital and Radcliff Infirmary.

#### Career highlights

1926-1940: Secretary, Chief Executive Officer and Almoner at Rachel Foster Hospital for Women and Children, Sydney.

1941-1954: Senior Almoner, Sydney Hospital; Director of Training for the NSW Institute of Almoners.

1954: Appointed to a temporary lectureship in the Department of Social Work at University of Sydney.

1957: Appointed to a permanent lectureship in the Department of Social Work.

31 December 1964: Retired.

#### Community work

1943-1949: Fellow of the University Senate

1941-1950: Member of the Child Welfare Advisory Council

1950s/1960s: Member of the executive committee of the NSW Old Peoples' Welfare Council.

1969: Member of the working party of the NSW Council for the Aging Advisory Committee on Accommodation and Care for the Aging.

Ogilvie also held positions as: President, NSW Council of Social Service; Honorary Consultant in social work to the Australian Red Cross; Honorary Director, Family Welfare Bureau.

## Published resources

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### **Resource Section**

Ogilvie, Florinda Katherine, Gavan McCarthy,  
<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P002073b.htm>

### **Site Exhibition**

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

## Archival resources

### **University of Sydney, Archives**

[Personal archives of OGILVIE Florinda Katherine \[1902-1983\]](#)

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