

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

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## Marks, Gladys Hope

(1883 - 1970)

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**Born** 14 December, 1883, Brisbane Queensland Australia

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**Died** 6 January, 1970, Paddington New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Academic, Teacher, Women's rights activist

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### Summary

Gladys Hope Marks was a lifelong supporter of women's rights. She was active in a range of feminist groups, including the National Council of Women of New South Wales. A gifted linguist, she taught French at the University of Sydney in the 1920s and 30s.

The New South Wales branch of the Australian Federation of University Women established the Gladys Marks memorial fund to assist mature women to complete courses at the university.

## Events

### **1905 - 1905**

Enrolled in Arts at the University of Sydney, despite opposition from her father

### **1908 - 1908**

Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and prizes for English, French and German.

### **1914 - 1914**

Studied phonetics part-time at the Sorbonne, Paris.

### **1908 - 1913**

Taught in private schools for girls before travelling extensively in Europe.

### **1916 - 1916**

Appointed Acting Lecturer in French, University of Sydney

### **1922 - 1922**

Appointed to a permanent position as Lecturer in French

### **1929 - 1929**

Served as acting head of department – the first female acting-professor at the University of Sydney.

### **1936 - 1936**

Served as acting head of department

### **1934 - 1934**

Appointed officier d'Académie by the French government; awarded les Palmes Académiques.

### **1943 - 1943**

Retired

### **1914 - 1914**

Attended the International Women's Congress in Rome

### **1924 - 1924**

Attended the International Women's Congress in Copenhagen.

### **1919 - 1921**

Vice-President, Sydney University Women's Union

### **1930 - 1934**

President, Australian Federation of University Women

### **1921 - 1926**

International Secretary, National Council of Women of New South Wales

### **1934 - 1934**

Became an honorary life vice-president of the National Council of Women of New South Wales

## Published resources

### **Resource Section**

Marks, Gladys Hope (1883-1971), Maxwell, Margaret, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A110401b.htm>

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

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

[Personal archives of MARKS Gladys Hope \[1883-1970\]](#)

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