

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## McRae-McMahon, Dorothy Margaret

(1934 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1934, Tasmania Australia

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**Occupation** Activist, Minister

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### Summary

A retired Uniting Church Minister, Dorothy McRae-McMahon was a former Minister of the Pitt Street, Sydney Church, which was renowned for its work in human rights and local activism. She received recognition for her work with the award of the Australian Government Peace Medal in 1987 and in 1988 with the Australian Human Rights Medal. In 1997, she came out as a lesbian at the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Perth and resigned from her position later in the year, citing the focus on her sexuality, which she felt was affecting the church.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

Liturgies for high days, McRae-McMahon, Dorothy, 2007

Memories of moving on: a life of faith, passion and resilience, McRae-McMahon, Dorothy, 2004

Prayers for life's particular moments, McRae-McMahon, Dorothy, 2001

#### Edited Book

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

#### 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

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Dorothy McRae-McMahon, Uniting Church minister, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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