

The Australian Women's Register

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Ross-Watt, Blanche Muriel Eugenie

(1861 - 1956)

Born 14 January, 1861, Gisborne Victoria Australia

Died 18 May, 1956, New Gisborne Victoria Australia

Occupation Charity worker, Local government councillor

Summary

Blanche Ross-Watt was born into a conservative politically active family. She was a member and local president of the Women's National League before she was elected to the Gisborne Shire Council in 1925. In 1927 she was one of fourteen women appointed justices of the peace in Victoria. She was elected Shire President in 1931 and again in 1939. Her community work was acknowledged with her appointment as OBE in 1949. She retired from the council in 1950.

Published resources

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Book

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