

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Bolger, Irene

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**Occupation** Lawyer, Nurse, Nurse educator, Trade unionist

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### Summary

Irene Bolger was Branch Secretary of the Australian Nursing Federation (Victorian Branch) from 1986 – the year of the Victorian Nurses' Strike – to 1989.

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

A 'Blueprint' for Union Organising: Multiplying the membership in the Australian Nursing Federation (Victorian Branch) 1989-2012, Tierney, James and Cregan, Christina, 2013,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/anfv>

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

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

#### Resource

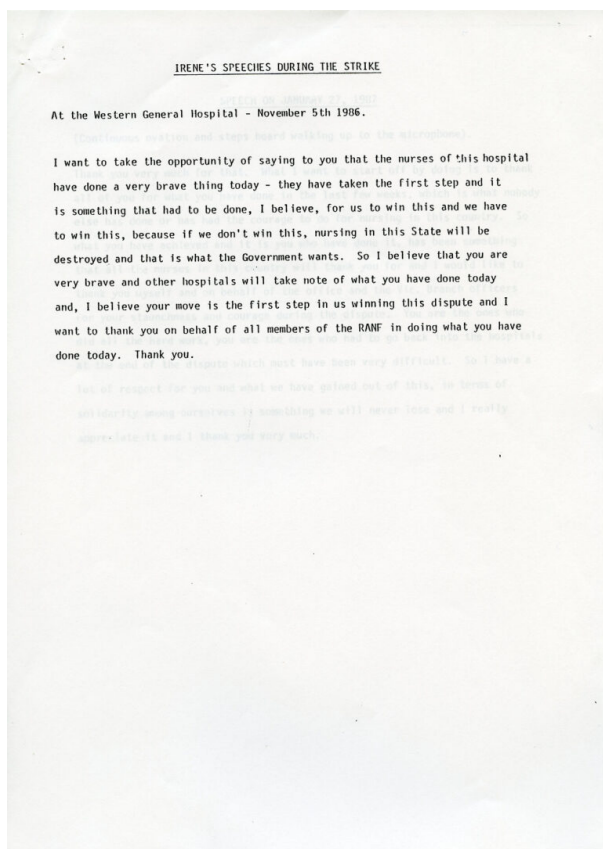
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## Digital resources



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**Invitation to ALL nurses to join RANF from the Secretary, Irene Bolger.**

**RANF**  
The Royal Australian Nursing Federation  
(Victorian Branch)

"The only professional and industrial organisation for all NURSES"

Many nurses know that RANF membership allows them to influence change.

Having representation through RANF (Vic Branch) in relevant and necessary areas results in a better deal for all nurses - protection and maintenance of nurses' salaries and conditions, higher standards of nursing practice and patient care, and an ongoing input and evaluation in nurse education, both basic and post-basic.

Membership of RANF not only ensures protection of the livelihood of individual members, but enables them to have active input into the direction of their profession.

The Branch has made substantial advances in improving the salaries and career structures of both SEN's and RN's. Membership ensures YOU reap the benefits of future RANF cases for conditions and salaries, including back-pay.

The RANF Vic. Branch is continually expanding the services offered to members, and caters for nurses in all fields of practice, throughout the health industry; in private hospitals, nursing homes, all community workplaces - wherever nurses work, RNs and SENs.

I would like to invite you to become a member of the only industrial and professional organisation for ALL nurses:

- The Royal Australian Nursing Federation -

*Increasing the range and quality of services available to members.*

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