

The Australian Women's Register

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Perry, Grace Amelia

(1927 - 1987)

Born 26 January, 1927, South Melbourne Victoria Australia

Died 3 July, 1987, Berrima New South Wales Australia

Occupation Editor, Medical practitioner, Poet, Writer

Summary

Grace Amelia Perry studied medicine at the University of Sydney. She had a home-based medical practice at Five Dock and served as an honorary physician at the Renwick Hospital for Infants and as an honorary paediatrician at the Fairfield District and South Sydney Women's hospitals.

As a child, Grace had written poetry and three collections were published by Consolidated Press Ltd. She began writing poetry again in 1961 and the following year she joined the Poetry Society of Australia.

Grace was editor of *Poetry Magazine* from 1962-1964. After being expelled from the poetry society in 1964, she established a new Magazine *Poetry Australia*, which she edited until her death.

Perry won a medal at the New South Wales premier's literary awards in 1985 and was appointed AM the next year. After failing to receive funding for two projects and feeling abandoned by her supporter, Grace committed suicide at her Berrima home on 3 July 1987.

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection
[Papers of Grace Perry, 1963-1972 \[manuscript\]](#)

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