

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE6132

## McMaster, Rhyll

(1947 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1947, Brisbane Queensland Australia

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**Occupation** Author, Poet, Writer

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### Summary

Rhyll McMaster began writing poetry at an early age, with several poems published in the *Bulletin* whilst still in high school.

After moving to Hobart in 1967, Rhyll worked in the editorial office of the journal *Australian Literary Studies*, which was then based at the University of Tasmania.

After returning to Brisbane in c.1969, then moving to a rural area near Canberra, Rhyll settled in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales where she began writing full time.

Rhyll's first collection, *The Brineshrimp* was published in 1972 and has since published a further six collections, including *Washing the Money: Poems with Photographs*, joint winner of the C. J. Dennis prize and winner of the Grace Leven Prize in 1986, and *Flying the Coop: New and Selected Poems 1972-1994*, joint winner of the Grace Leven Prize for 1995. Rhyll published her acclaimed debut novel *Feather Man* in 2007, winning the inaugural Barbara Jefferis Award.

### Archival resources

#### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Rhyll McMaster, 1960-1987 \[manuscript\]](#)

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