

The Australian Women's Register

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Wilson, Elizabeth (Betty) Hornabrook

(1907 - 2008)

Born 25 January, 1907, Adelaide South Australia Australia

Died 25 September, 2008

Occupation Philanthropist, Volunteer

Summary

Lady Elizabeth Wilson, wife of Sir Keith Cameron Wilson, was very active in the Adelaide community and involved in many local organisations. She was divisional commandant of the South Australian division of the Red Cross during the Second World War and chairman of the branch from 1969 to 1972. In 1946 Elizabeth was approached to become a member of the board of governors of the Burnside War Memorial Hospital and she remained a member for the duration of her life.

For seven years Elizabeth was president of the Mothers' and Babies' Health Association (MBHA), in addition to being chairman of the Saint Peter's College Mission and a patron of the Cornish Association of South Australia. Elizabeth was a member of the Pan-Pacific South East Asian Women's Association for a number of decades, and at the time of her oral history interview with Amy McGrath, she was also president of the Association.

In 1946 Elizabeth was appointed an MBE for her work with charities, followed by a CBE in 1959 for her work in social welfare.

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Sir Keith Wilson and Lady Elizabeth Wilson, 1928-2001 \[manuscript\]](#)

National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Elizabeth Wilson interviewed by Amy McGrath \[sound recording\]](#)

State Library of South Australia

[Radio interview with Kym Bonython and Lady Betty Wilson \[sound recording\] Interviewer: Philip Satchell](#)

[Typescript of speech](#)

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