

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Friend, Gwen

(1923 - 2016)

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<b>Born</b>	1 January, 1923
<b>Died</b>	3 November, 2016, BalgowlahBalgowlah New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Artist, Set designer, Writer

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### Summary

Gwen Friend, sister of artist Donald Friend, was a partner with Fifi Banvard in the theatrical company Fifi Banvard Productions. Gwen was responsible for set design, props, lighting, costumes and make-up. The company played a season at the Theatre Royal in Hobart, from July 1950 to March 1951, to great acclaim.

### Archival resources

#### **State Library of New South Wales**

[Gwen Friend theatrical photographs and programs, ca. 1920-1961 / various photographers](#)

[Gwen Friend papers, relating to the theatre and Fifi Banvard Productions, 1903-1965](#)

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

[Papers of Gwen Friend, 1955-1994 \[manuscript\]](#)

#### **Fryer Library, The University of Queensland**

[Correspondence about Fifi Banvard and Gwen Friend, 2005 Jan. 31 - 2005 May](#)

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