

The Australian Women's Register

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Angliss, Jacobena Victoria Alice

(1896 - 1980)

Born 23 May, 1896, Epping Victoria Australia

Died 10 November, 1980

Occupation Community worker, Philanthropist

Summary

Jacobena Angliss was appointed to the Order of the British Empire (Dames Commander) on 1 January 1975 for community and welfare services. She had previously been awarded a CBE on 9 June 1949 for her work as President of the Victorian Child Welfare Association.

Details

Daughter of Jacob and Frances (née Ladhams) Grutzner.

Jacobena Grutzner married butcher and meat exporter William Charles Angliss (1865-1957) at St Columb's Church, Hawthorn, on 31 March 1919. They had one daughter, Eirene Rose.

Jacobena's husband, William Angliss (who was knighted in 1939) was a member of the Legislative Council of Victoria between 1912 and 1952, had wide experience in industry management and accumulated great wealth through the establishment of a number of pastoral companies. In his will, he set aside £1 million for the creation of a charitable trust.

Lady Angliss, who was also involved with several charity organisations, became chairman of the trust. Along with being the trustee of the William Angliss Estate she was chairman of the Bluff Downs Pastoral Company and Miranda Downs Pty Ltd. A member of both the Lyceum and Alexandra clubs in Melbourne, Lady Angliss enjoyed gardening and music. She was president of the Astra Chamber Music Society and director of the National Memorial Theatre. In 1975 she was appointed to the Order of British Empire (Dames Commander).

Lady Jacobena Angliss died on 10 November 1980 and was buried in Box Hill cemetery with her husband. Her grand daughter, Diana Gibson (nee Knox), is today a prominent Victorian philanthropist and Chairwoman of the William Angliss Charitable Fund.

Published resources

Book

Sir William Angliss : an intimate biography, Angliss, J. V. (Jacobena Victoria), Lady, 1897-1980, 1960

Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Resource Section

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Resource

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Archival resources

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[Biographical cuttings on Dame Jacobena Angliss, Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

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