

The Australian Women's Register

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Austin, Mary Valentine Hall

(1900 - 1986)

Nationality Australian

Born 29 July, 1900

Died 10 September, 1986

Occupation Community worker

Summary

Mary Austin contributed to the community through her involvement in the Red Cross Society and the Liberal Party. She was Superintendent Regional Commandant of the Red Cross in the Victorian Division. She was appointed to The Order of the British Empire – Dames Commander on 16 June 1979 for Community and welfare services.

Details

Mary Austin, the daughter of Admiral P H Hall Thompson, was educated in New Zealand at Marsden College, Wellington. She married Ronald Austin on 9 June 1925, and they had one son. She worked for the Red Cross Society, reaching the rank of superintendent, regional commandant. She was active in the Liberal Party and was vice-president of the Liberal Party and national vice-president from 1947-1976. Dame Mary also held an honorary life membership of the Victoria League.

Published resources

Book Section

Austin, Dame Mary Valerie Hall, DBE, 1983

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>

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1980, Draper, W. J., 1980

Resource

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