

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Buxton, Rita Mary

(1899 - 1982)

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**Born** 21 November, 1899, South Yarra Victoria Australia

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**Died** 22 August, 1982

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**Occupation** Philanthropist

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### Summary

Rita Buxton was interested in many philanthropic societies. She was closely associated with St Vincent's Hospital, serving as a member of the Advisory Council and as general president of all working committees. She was educated at Sacre Coeur in East Malvern, Victoria and married Leonard Raymond Buxton in 1922. They had three daughters. In recognition of her philanthropic services, she was appointed as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1955 and Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire on 14 June 1969.

### Published resources

#### 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>

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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## Digital resources



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