

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0049

## Roberts, Joan Howard

(1907 - 1990)

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**Born** 27 June, 1907, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Died** 22 June, 1990, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Community worker, Scientist

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### Summary

Joan Roberts was appointed to the Order of the British Empire – Dames Commander on 31 December 1977 for services to the handicapped. She had previously been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1973.

### Details

Joan Roberts joined the Yooralla Hospital School for Crippled Children committee of management in 1948 and became president in 1968. In 1977 the Yooralla Hospital School for Crippled Children and of the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults amalgamated, to establish the Yooralla Society of Victoria. Roberts was president of the Society until 1978. From 1979 to 1987 she was a member of the executive committee of the Arthritis Foundation of Victoria.

Prior to marrying Allen Roberts on 1 November 1937 and having three children, she was a biochemist from 1934 to 1937 at Prince Henry's Hospital, and a research biochemist at the University of Melbourne from 1931 to 1934.

Roberts completed her secondary education at the Presbyterian Ladies' College, before obtaining a Master of Science from the University of Melbourne.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

Who's Who in Australia 1991, Howie, Ann, 1990

#### 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

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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