

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Bage, Anna Frederika

(1883 - 1970)

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<b>Born</b>	11 April, 1883, Melbourne Victoria Australia
<b>Died</b>	23 October, 1970, Brisbane Queensland Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Academic, Biologist, Sports administrator

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### Summary

Anna Bage was a talented scientist who worked her way through the junior ranks of the Department of Biology at the University of Melbourne to become a forerunner of women in public life in Queensland to where she moved in 1914 to take up the position of lecturer in charge of biology in 1913. In 1914 she became principal of the Women's College, a position she held for the next 32 years. She was committed to the cause of encouraging women to become tertiary educated and travelled widely throughout Queensland to promote her college to rural communities. She was a member of many women's interest groups, and played a lead role in the formation of the Queensland Women Graduates' Association (later the Queensland Association of University Women). She was president of the Australian Federation of University Women in 1928-29.

Anna Bage's interests were many and varied. A nature lover, patron of the arts and motoring enthusiast, Bage was also a member of several women's sporting associations. She managed the first hockey team in Australia to travel interstate, from Melbourne to Adelaide in 1908, and was president of the Queensland Women's Hockey Association in 1925-31.

She was appointed OBE – Officer of The Order of the British Empire (Civil) – 12 June 1941 for public service.

### Events

#### 1914 - 1946

Principal of the Women's College at the University of Queensland

#### 1905 - 1905

Graduated BSc from the University of Melbourne

#### 1906 - 1906

Graduated MSc with second-class honours from the University of Melbourne

#### 1906 - 1906

Final honour scholarship in Biology

#### 1907 - 1907

Awarded the McBain Research Scholarship

#### 1908 - 1908

Awarded the Victorian Government Research Scholarship

#### 1910 - 1911

Research student at King's College, London

#### 1906 - 1909

Junior demonstrator in biology at the University of Melbourne

**1912 - 1912**

Senior demonstrator in biology at the University of Melbourne

**1913 - 1913**

Senior lecturer in biology at the University of Queensland

**1917 - 1917**

Member of the National Council of Women of Queensland Recruiting committee

**1915 - 1915**

President of the Field Naturalists' Club

**1916 - 1916**

President of the Women's Club, Brisbane

**1922 - 1923**

President of the Lyceum Club, Brisbane

**1923 - 1949**

Member of the Senate at the University of Queensland

**1928 - 1929**

President of the Australian Federation of University Women

**1925 - 1931**

President of the Queensland Women's Hockey Association

**1926 - 1926**

Substitute delegate to the League of Nations Assembly, Geneva

**1938 - 1938**

Substitute delegate to the League of Nations Assembly, Geneva

**1939 - 1945**

President of the Women of the University's War Work Group at the University of Queensland

**2041 - 2041**

Appointed Officer to the Order of the British Empire

**2051 - 2051**

Conferred an honorary doctorate of laws by the University of Queensland

**1914 - 1918**

President of the Women of the University's War Work Group at the University of Queensland

## Published resources

### Resource Section

Bage, Anna Frederika (1883 - 1970), Biographical Entry, 2002,  
<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P000984b.htm>

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<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A070136b.htm>

### Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,  
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Book

Degrees of liberation : a short history of women in the University of Melbourne, Kelly, Farley, 1985

### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1950, Alexander, Joseph A, 1950

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

### Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

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>

## Archival resources

### The University of Melbourne Archives

[Anna Frederika Bage - Records](#)

### The University of Queensland Archives

[Anna Frederika Bage - Records](#)

### Janet Clarke Hall, University of Melbourne

[Anna Frederika Bage - Records](#)

### Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc

[Miscellaneous papers](#)

[Bage family papers](#)

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