

The Australian Women's Register

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Bennett, Agnes Elizabeth Lloyd

(1872 - 1960)

Nationality Australian

Born 24 June, 1872, Neutral Bay New South Wales Australia

Died 27 November, 1960, Wellington New Zealand

Occupation Medical practitioner

Summary

Agnes Bennett practised in Wellington, New Zealand from 1905 and was Chief Medical Officer at St Helens Maternity Hospital 1908-36.

Details

Born Sydney, 24 June 1872. Died Wellington, New Zealand, 27 November 1960. OBE 1948. Educated University of Sydney (BSc 1894) and College of Medicine for Women, University of Edinburgh (MB, ChM 1899, MD 1911). Teacher and governess; private practice, Sydney 1901-04; junior medical officer, Hospital for the Insane, Callan Park 1904-05; private practice, Wellington, New Zealand from 1905; chief medical officer, St Helen's maternity hospital 1908-36; honorary physician, children's ward, Wellington Hospital from 1910; first female commissioned officer, British Army 1915; in charge of a unit of the Scottish Women's Hospitals on the Serbian front 1916-17; medical officer, Burketown, North Queensland 1938-39; English hospitals 1940-42; lectured to the women's services in New Zealand on venereal disease and birth control from 1942. First president, Wellington branch, International Federation of University Women 1923.

Published resources

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Women on the warpath : feminist of the first wave, Davidson, Dianne, 1997

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<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

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[Dr Agnes Bennett, New South Wales, ca.1929 \[picture\]](#)

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[\[Biographical cuttings on Dr Agnes Bennett, one of the first woman to win a science degree, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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