

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Grey, Helene Dorothy

(1895 - 1987)

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**Born** 1 January, 1895, Victoria Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1987

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**Occupation** Nurse, Nursing administrator

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### Summary

Appointed Lady Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1934, Helene Grey remained in the position for 38 years. One of seven children born to Charles (a police magistrate) and Mabel Grey, Helene Grey helped raise her siblings after her father died. In 1919 she commenced nursing training at the Melbourne (later Royal) Hospital and graduated in 1924 receiving the Forest Gold Medal. Following her appointment as Sister Tutor of the Preliminary Training School in 1927, Helene Grey became matron of the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital. Grey was a president of the Australian Nursing Federation and Royal Victorian College of Nursing, and also a member of the Nurses Board of Victoria. She was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire on 10 June 1948.

### Events

#### 1919 - 1923

Trained at Melbourne (later Royal) and Women's (later Royal) Hospitals

#### 1923 - 1928

Member of staff at the Melbourne (later Royal) Hospital

#### 1928 - 1934

Matron of the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital

#### 1934 - 1957

Lady Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital

#### 2048 - 2048

Appointed Officer of the Order of British Empire

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

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

### **Book**

The Ever open door : a history of the Royal Melbourne Hospital 1848-1998, Gregory, Alan, 1998

Australian nurses since Nightingale 1860-1990, Burchill, Elizabeth, 1992

### **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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