

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Johnston, Jessie Mary

(1889 - 1984)

Born 29 August, 1889, St Kilda Victoria Australia

Died 31 December, 1984

Occupation Community worker

Summary

Jessie Mary Johnston, the daughter of Brigadier-General Walter John and Mary Euphemia (née Johnston) Clark, was born at St Kilda in 1889. Educated privately in Tasmania during World War I she became a member of the Red Cross Society (Tasmania). On 3 December 1923 Jessie Clark married her maternal cousin Dr William Johnston (later Sir) and they had two sons. From 1939-1952 Jessie Johnston was a member of the Red Cross Centenary Council, and from 1940-1942 a member of the Executive Committee of the Australian Imperial Forces Women's Association. When Johnston was appointed Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Commissioner for War Services, she resigned from the presidency of the Alexandra Club but remained a member of the Committee. In 1951 Johnston became President of the YWCA of Australia, a post she held until 1957. On 1 January 1958 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for service to the community. Lady Jessie Johnston died in 1984, aged 94.

Events

2058 - 2058

Appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire

1951 - 1957

President of YWCA Australia

1914 - 1918

Member of the Red Cross Society (Tasmania)

1939 - 1952

Member of the Red Cross Centenary Council

1940 - 1942

Member of the Executive Committee for the AIF Women's Association

1941 - 1945

YWCA Commissioner for War Services

2023 - 2023

Married Dr William Johnston (later Sir)

1939 - 1940

President of the Alexandra Club (Melbourne)

Published resources

Book

The Alexandra Club : A Narrative 1903-1983, Starke, Monica, 1986

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1962, Alexander, Joseph A, 1962

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>

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