

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Ruston, Gertrude Winifred

(1897 - 1985)

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<b>Born</b>	15 April, 1897, East Ham Essex England
<b>Died</b>	7 January, 1985, Perth Western Australia Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Child welfare advocate, Community activist, Educationist

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### Summary

Gertrude Ruston was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 13 June 1970 for services to the community. Ruston was state secretary of the Women's Service Guild for over six years, convener of the committee for Mentally Retarded Children, vice-president of the Slow Learning Children's Group and Honorary life member. She served as a member on the Western Australian committee on Access for Disabled for many years and assisted in the producing of the Guide to Perth for the Handicapped. One of her most outstanding services was the establishment of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Perth. Ruston also was involved with the establishment of Council of Social Service of Western Australia, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Perth Emergency Housekeeper Service.

### Published resources

#### Newspaper Article

Well-known figure in WA community services dies aged 88, 1985

#### Book

The Clock of Time, or, From Venturesome Pom to Dinkum Aussie, Ruston, Gertrude, 1983

#### Photograph

Women's Service Guilds members at unveiling of plaque on board the M V Kabbarli, West Australian Newspapers, 1954

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### 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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