

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0197

## Hansen, Elizabeth May

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**Occupation** Political activist

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### Summary

Elizabeth Hansen was a foundation member of Perth's oldest Aboriginal community organisation, the Coolbaroo League, formed in the 1940s. She has been a long-time campaigner for Aboriginal rights and was vice-president of the New Era Aboriginal Fellowship and Treasurer of the Aboriginal Rights League and Old People's Home.

Hansen won the Western Australian Citizen of the Year Award in 1976, and was appointed as a Member of the Order of the British Empire for 'Aboriginal welfare' on 31 December 1979.

### Published resources

#### **Newspaper Article**

Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen, 1977

#### **Book**

Reflections : profiles of 150 women who helped make Western Australia's history; Project of the Womens Committee for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Western Australia, Popham, Daphne; Stokes, K.A.; Lewis, Julie, 1979

The Coolbaroo Club [videorecording], Kinnane, S.; Marsh, L.; Scholes, R.; Robins, P.;, c1996

Swan Fountain : Western Australia, Citizen of the Year Lake, Burswood Park, Burswood Park Board, 1988

#### **Report**

Elizabeth Hansen Hostel; Hostel outcome standards monitoring statement, Australia. Dept. of Human Services and Health., 1994

#### **Book Section**

[Obituary of Aboriginal rights activist], Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority; Western Australia, 1991

#### **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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