

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Mackenzie, Helen Pearl

(1913 - 2009)

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<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
<b>Born</b>	6 October, 1913, Fusanchin Korea
<b>Died</b>	18 September, 2009, Kew Victoria Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Medical practitioner, Missionary

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### Summary

Helen MacKenzie, a child of Presbyterian missionaries, completed her medical degree at the University of Melbourne in 1938 with the intention of going to Korea to work as a missionary in 1941. With the interruption of World War II she instead remained at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne, from 1940-1944, where she went to 'learn something of women's problems' as she described her time there in a biography of her father entitled *MacKenzie, man of mission*. She later worked as superintendent of the Australian Presbyterian Mission Hospital in Pusan Korea from 1952-1975, where her sister Catherine was matron, and was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1962 in recognition of her devoted services to medicine.

### Published resources

#### Book

Mackenzie, man of mission: a biography of James Noble Mackenzie, Mackenzie, Helen Pearl, 1995

#### Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,  
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

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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