

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Amies, Geraldine Christein Wilhelmina

(1906 - 1982)

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**Nationality** Scottish

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**Born** 26 August, 1906, Delft South Holland Netherlands

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**Died** 13 November, 1982

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**Occupation** Physician

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### Summary

Geraldine Amies, née Collee, completed her dental and medical education in Edinburgh, Scotland before taking up an appointment as physician in charge of the Diabetic Clinic at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne in 1946. An insulin dependent diabetic herself, she was described by F Martin in *A history of diabetes in Australia*, as 'a formidable figure who retained her Scottish accent and certainty'. She was committed to the care and management of children with diabetes and promoted a strict and rigid discipline, to which she herself adhered. In collaboration with the clinic dietician, Sheila Sutherland, she initiated great advances in the care of children with diabetes. Although she spoke on the subject at community meetings, she did not publish her work. She was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire on 31 December 1976 for her services to medicine.

### Published resources

#### Book

A history of diabetes in Australia, Martin, F. I. R., 1998

#### 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>

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1980, Draper, W. J., 1980

Medical directory of Australia 1980, Errol G. Knox, 1980

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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