

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: IMP0241

Biggs, Lucy Blanche

(1909 - 2008)

Nationality	Australian
Born	20 December, 1909, Scottsdale Tasmania Australia
Died	7 May, 2008, Australia
Occupation	Medical practitioner

Summary

Lucy Blanche Biggs was born on 20 December 1909 in Scottsdale in Tasmania. She completed her medical training at the University of Melbourne, graduating MB BS in 1946. She held appointments at the Bendigo Base and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals before embarking on work as a medical missionary in Papua New Guinea.

Dr Biggs was the first medical Coordinator for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea from September 1948 to January 1974 working in the northern district of Papua. In 1948 she was appointed by the Australian Board of Missions to Erero and spent the next twelve years in Erero in general practice before moving onto St Luke's TB hospital in 1968. She was transferred to medical administration at Popandetta and resigned in 1974.

Dr Biggs was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire on 1 January 1975 for her work as a medical missionary in Papua New Guinea. Her life in Papua is detailed in her regular newsletters – 110 of them over 25 years – which she published under the title From Papua with love.

Published resources

Edited Book

Medical directory of Australia 1970, Errol G. Knox, 1970

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

Archival resources

Fryer Library, The University of Queensland
[Diaries of Dr Blanche Biggs, 1934 to 1940](#)

Author Details

Rosemary Francis

Created 7 November 2002
Last modified 9 July 2020