

# The Australian Women's Register

---

**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0257

## Rowe, Marilyn

(1946 - )

---

**Born** 20 August, 1946, Sydney New South Wales Australia

---

**Occupation** Dancer, Teacher

---

### Summary

Marilyn Rowe, the first graduate of the Australian Ballet School to be appointed its director in 1999, was recruited into the Australian Ballet Company in 1965 after completing the course in 1964. She was a principal artist with the Australian Ballet and later became ballet director, deputy artistic director and in 1984 director of the Dancers Company, a post she held until 1990. She has been on the Board of the Australian Ballet since 1994. She has directed and coached many of the leading dancers of the Australian Ballet and has produced and directed major contemporary and classical works. Other positions include that of Life Governor of the Berry St Child and Family Care since 1985. She was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1979 for her services to ballet in Australia.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

#### 2017 - 2017

Received for significant service to the performing arts, particularly to ballet, as an artistic director, administrator, internationally acclaimed performer and competition jurist.

### Published resources

#### Book

Marilyn Rowe and the technology of dance, Power, Margaret and Thornton, Elaine, 1991

#### Book Section

Marilyn Rowe, OBE, 2001

#### 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 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

#### Resource

Victorian Women's Roll of Honour: Women Shaping the Nation, 2001,

<https://herplacemuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2001-Honour-Roll-Booklet.pdf>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### **National Library of Australia, Pictures Collection**

[Portrait of Marilyn Rowe, O.B.E., 1993 \[picture\] / Greg Barrett](#)

### **Author Details**

Rosemary Francis

**Created** 13 November 2002

**Last modified** 12 September 2017