

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Kennedy, Thalia Ruby Lorraine

(1917 - 2012)

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**Born** 1 January, 1917, Albion Queensland Australia

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**Died** 22 August, 2012, Queensland Australia

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**Occupation** School principal

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### Summary

Thalia Kennedy was educated at the University of Queensland, majoring in english, history and latin, and winning a University Blue for hockey. She joined the staff of the Ipswich Girls' Grammar School in January 1942, as an english and history teacher, later being promoted to Deputy Principal and serving as Principal from 1965 to 1981. She introduced Thursday afternoon activities and computer education and appointed a student counsellor. In 1982 the Thalia Kennedy Centre was opened at the school. She was appointed MBE – Member of The Order of the British Empire (Civil) – 13 June 1981 for services to education and the community.

### Published resources

#### Book

The First One Hundred Years, Kennedy, Thalia Ruby Lorraine, 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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