

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Dow, Hilda May

(1897 - 1991)

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**Born** 18 June, 1897, Essendon Victoria Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1991, Chiltern Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Community worker, Pharmacist

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### Summary

Hilda Dow (nee Grey) was the daughter of police magistrate Charles Grey, and sister of Royal Melbourne Hospital Lady Superintendent Helene Grey, OBE. Hilda Grey became a student of the Victorian College of Pharmacy in 1919. In 1929, she was working at Poynton's pharmacy in Morwell, when she purchased the pharmacy at Chiltern in Victoria. She was elected to the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria as a member in 1930 Hilda apprenticed her husband, Roy Dow, and the two ran the pharmacy in Chiltern until 1968, when they closed the doors. In 1988 Mrs Dow donated the pharmacy, which had been operating on the site since 1859, intact to the National Trust, and it is now a museum. Hilda Dow was a foundation member of the North East branch of the National Trust, a member of the hospital committee and board, of the Infant Welfare Centre and the Red Cross, and a member and office bearer of the Chiltern Branch of the County Women's Association.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Pamphlet

'Dow's Pharmacy: A Brief History of the Chemist's Shop in Conness Street', National Trust of Australia (Victoria), 1989

### Archival resources

#### State Library of Victoria

[Records, \[manuscript\]](#).

#### Public Record Office Victoria, Victorian Archives Centre

[Pharmacy Board of Victoria](#)

#### Private Hands (These regards may not be readily available)

[Chiltern Athenaeum Trust Museum Records](#)

[Dow's Pharmacy](#)

#### Wodonga Historical Society

['Women Who Have Achieved'](#)

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