

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0208

## Hayter, Lorna

(1897 - 1989)

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**Born** 27 December, 1897, Quirindi New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 15 July, 1989

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**Occupation** Agriculturalist, Public servant, Servicewoman

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### Summary

Lorna Hayter studied agriculture at the University of Sydney. In 1927 she joined the New South Wales Department of Agriculture. During World War II Hayter was a member of the Women's Australian National Services, and became Assistant Controller with the Australian Army Women's Service. Later she hosted the Australian Broadcasting Commission weekly national program *Farm and Home* and became women's editor of the *Land Newspaper*. On 31 December 1979, Lorna Hayter was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to agriculture and the community.

### Events

#### 1978 - 1980

Board member of the YWCA, Sydney

#### 1927 - 1948

Senior Extension Officer with the Agricultural Bureau of New South Wales

#### 1936 - 1937

Researcher with the Rural Adult Education Overseas Grant for the Carnegie Corporation, New York

#### 1941 - 1944

Assistant controller with the Australian Women's Army Service

#### 1944 - 1945

Assisted with the Rural Reconstruction Report

#### 1953 - 1967

Employed by the Australian Broadcasting Commission

#### 1961 - 1971

Broadcaster for the radio program *Farm and Home* and women's editor *Land Newspaper*

#### 1981 - 1989

Patron of the Australian Women's Army Service Association (NSW)

#### 1921 - 1927

Science teacher with the Department of Education at Orange

## Published resources

### Resource Section

Hayter, Lorna, Biographical Entry, 2002,  
<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P002013b.htm>

BYRNE, LORNA, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,  
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=350672>

### Edited Book

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

### Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,  
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Book

You'll be sorry!, Howard, Ann, 1990

## Archival resources

### National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Lorna Hayter interviewed by Hazel de Berg in the Hazel de Berg collection \[sound recording\]](#)

### Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

[Major Lorna Byrne, Assistant Controller, Australian Women's Army Service, Land Headquarters](#)

[Some of the 900 members of the Australian Women's Army Service taking part in a march past as a farewell to Major Lorna Byrne](#)

### Author Details

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