

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person

Entry ID: AWE2752

Bower, Helen Rosalie (Ros)

(1923 - 1980)

Born	28 January, 1923, Coonabarabran New South Wales Australia
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Died	19 May, 1980, South Yarra Victoria Australia
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Occupation	Consultant, Journalist, Print journalist, Television Journalist
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Summary

Freelance journalist Ros Bower wrote for the *Sun*, the *Argus*, and *Woman's Day*. She worked in television production and was employed as a consultant by the Australian Council for the Arts.

Details

Ros Bower worked as a cadet reporter for the *Sun* newspaper before moving to Melbourne to take up a position as journalist for the Australian Red Cross Society, and from 1948, the *Argus*. She worked as a freelance journalist in London in 1955 before returning to Melbourne, where she wrote for *Woman's Day*. She produced HSV-7's television panel show, *Tell the Truth*, in the decade from 1957.

From 1969, Bower was employed by the Australian Council for the Arts, where she drafted papers on education and the arts. In 1970 she published a paper in her own right, entitled *Women in Australian Society*, which contributed to debates around equal pay and equal opportunity for women. In the early 1970s, Bower assisted with the establishment of the community arts and regional development committee of the Australia Council. The committee became the community arts board in 1978, with Bower as its first director.

Events

1945 - 1970

Published resources

Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

Resource Section

Bower, Helen Rosalie (Ros) (1923 - 1980), Hull, Andrea, 2006, <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A130263b.htm>

Resource

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