

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Maloney, Betty Florence

(1925 - 2001)

Born	14 December, 1925, Colac Victoria Australia
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Died	27 July, 2001
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Occupation	Botanical artist, Illustrator
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Summary

An illustrator of many books on Australian plants, Betty Maloney and her sister, Jean Walker, studied art at Melbourne Technical College (now RMIT).

After teaching art at the National Fitness Council, Melbourne Church of England Grammar School and St Catherine's School in Melbourne, she travelled to Europe.

With her sister she wrote *Designing Australian Bush Garens* and *Australian Bush Gardens* in 1966 and 1967.

The 86 watercolour illustrations used for the publication *Proteaceae of the Sydney Region* with Alec Blombery are in the Archives of the New South Wales State Library.

Also she illustrated books on mah-jong and thimbles – she maintained a collection of Victorian thimbles, was a co-founder, with her husband, of the Sydney Wagner Society and was involved with volunteer conservation groups, including the Society for Growing Australian Plants.

In the early 1990s her own garden at French's Forest was approved by the National Trust as a Trust garden and she was presented with a terracotta plaque.

Published resources

Article

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<http://www.anbg.gov.au/biography/maloney-betty.html>

Newspaper Article

Betty Florence Maloney, Latreille, Anne, 2001

Book

More about bush gardens, Maloney, B. Walker, J. and Mullins B (edited by), 1967

The game of mah jong illustrated, Thompson, Patricia A and Maloney Betty, 1990

Designing Australian bush gardens, Maloney, Betty and Walker, Jean, c1966

Improve your mah jong: more about the game of mah jong, Thompson, Patricia A and Maloney, Betty, 1991

Guide to Kosciusko, Blombery, Alec M and Maloney, Betty, 1992

Propagating Australian plants, Blombery, Alec M and Maloney, Betty, 1994

Kakadu to Broome, Maloney, Betty and Blombery, Alec, 1995

The Mah jong player's companion, Thompson, Patricia A and Maloney, Betty, 1997

Thimbles of Australia : including thimbles of the world with an Australian connection, Gowan, Susan Jean and Maloney, Betty (illustrations by)

Growing Australian orchids, Blombery, Alec and Maloney, Betty (illustrations by), 1998

Growing native plants for balconies, courtyards & townhouses, Blombery, Alec and Maloney, Betty, 2000

Wildflowers and native plants of Australia, Moody, Mary; Broadribb, Kevin (photographs by) and Maloney, Betty (illustrations by), 1981

The Proteaceae of the Sydney region, Blombery, Alec and Maloney, Betty, 1981

Native plants, Mullins, Barbara and Maloney, Betty (illustrated by), 1985

Islands, Mullins, Barbara; Maloney, Betty (illustrated by) and Baglin, Douglass (photographs by), 1985

Journal Article

Valete, Correy, Allan, 2001

Resource

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Archival resources

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

[Volume 03: Betty Maloney original drawings of the fruits and seeds of the family proteaceae in the Sydney region. 1990-1991](#)

[Volume 02: Betty Maloney preliminary sketches of the fruits and seeds of the family proteaceae of the Sydney region. ca 1990-1991](#)

[Volume 01: Betty Maloney preliminary sketches of the family proteaceae of the Sydney region. 1976-1980](#)

[Collection of posters promoting events and exhibitions of the State Library of NSW](#)

[Mr and Mrs Selwyn Brown and their two daughters and Mrs Selwyn's mother after an aeroplane joy flight.](#)

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