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## Brookes, Helen May

(1917 - 2008)

<b>Born</b>	3 November, 1917, Melbourne Victoria Australia
<b>Died</b>	1 January, 2008, Adelaide South Australia Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Entomologist

### Summary

Helen Brookes was born in Melbourne and moved several times before settling in Adelaide in 1929. She started her working career at the Waite Institute with Dr Davidson. Later Brookes became a technical assistant and eventually senior lecturer as a systematic entomologist. Following her retirement, in 1982, she presented her insect collection to the Australian National Insect Collection in Canberra. Brookes was a member of the Lyceum and Minerva Clubs. In 1999, Year of the Older Person, Brookes was invited to a symposium in Canberra as an outstanding older woman scientist.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Helen Brookes \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Lois Mander-Jones

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