

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Crean, Mary Victoria Isobella

(1914 - 2018)

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<b>Born</b>	17 October, 1914, South Melbourne Victoria Australia
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<b>Died</b>	28 January, 2018, Victoria Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Volunteer
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### Summary

As the wife of state and federal parliamentarian Frank Crean, Australian politics was a major part of Mary Crean's life.

Mary volunteered at kindergartens, helped organise annual collections for the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and Freedom from Hunger. At one stage she was the Victorian Commissioner of the Girl Guides, and was a keen patron of the arts through involvement with the National Gallery of Victoria. Mary was also a long-standing volunteer and patron of the Melbourne High School Library, where her children had attended school.

### Archival resources

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

[Mary Crean interviewed by Daniel Connell](#)

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Mary Crean, wife of Deputy Prime Minister, Frank Crean, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

#### State Library of Victoria

[Melbourne Cultural Centre, 1961 meeting minutes. manuscript, 1961 and 1838 ; Melbourne Advertiser Port Phillip, Australia Monday February the19th 1838.](#)

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