

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** PR00421

## O'Sullivan, Bridget (Bid)

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**Occupation** Radio Broadcaster, Teacher

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### Summary

Bridget 'Bid' O'Sullivan was the first teacher of the School-of-the-Air in Queensland. She delivered her first lesson on 25 January 1960 to 14 boys and girls from remote stations across the state using two-way radio communication. The broadcast was delivered from the Royal Flying Doctor Service residence in the North Queensland town of Cloncurry. Bid retired in 1963 and that same year was awarded a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for her "...outstanding services and devotion to the children of Queensland in the field of education".

The Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts offered the Bid O'Sullivan Teaching Scholarship annually from 1999 to 2012 to assist Year 12 students from rural and remote areas.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Bid O'Sullivan MBE and the Queensland School-of-the-Air, Office for Women, Queensland Government, 2009, <http://www.women.qld.gov.au/q150/1960/index.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

Over to you: the first 25 years of the School-of-the-Air in North-West Queensland, McKerrow, H, 1985

### Author Details

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