

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0911

## Retalic, Lucy

(1910 - 2005)

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<b>Born</b>	1 January, 1910
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<b>Died</b>	18 April, 2005
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<b>Occupation</b>	Teacher
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### Summary

Lucy Retalic was born in 1910. Her mother was in the Red Cross and during WWI Lucy performed in concerts when she was 4 years old. She went to St Peter's Girls' School and joined Heather Gell's Eurythmic classes after school. Miss Gell staged shows at the Tivoli theatre. Retalic became a kindergarten teacher and her first appointment was at the Riverside school. She became Director of the Lavis Kindergarten in Adelaide and then left teaching to work with doctors in Melbourne. In 1937 she went to England to work with ophthalmologists for 15 months. She returned home via Europe and during World War II worked with the RAAF trainee pilots to pass their eye tests. She married in 1948. Retalic was involved in the circles in the Lyceum Club and was leader of the Garden Circle. Retalic did a lot of overseas travel which she enjoyed. Retalic worked with ophthalmologists to provide screening for people in outback Australia to identify eye disease. This was organised through the Lions Club

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Lucy Retalic \[sound recording\] Interviewer: Yvonne Abbott](#)

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