

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0094

## Stirling, Harriet Adelaide

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**Occupation** Social worker

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### Summary

Harriet Adelaide Stirling established the School for Mothers with Helen Mayo in 1909. The organisation still exists today, as Child and Youth Health. Stirling and Mayo also set up an independent hospital in 1913 to address the special needs of infant patients. In 1917 it was taken over by the Government and became the Mareeba Babies' Hospital.

Harriet Stirling was the daughter of Sir Edward Charles Stirling and the granddaughter of Edward Stirling. She was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 23 June 1936 for her child welfare activities.

### Published resources

#### Book

Living in South Australia : a social history, Elizabeth Kwan, 1987

#### Edited Book

S.A.'s greats: the men and women of the North Terrace plaques, Healey, John, 2001

#### Resource Section

Mayo, Helen Mary (1878-1967), Hicks, Neville and Leopold, Elisabeth, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A100455b.htm>

#### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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