

The Australian Women's Register

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Sisely, Lorna Verdun

(1916 - 2004)

Born	14 March, 1916, Wangaratta Victoria Australia
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Died	27 January, 2004, Victoria Australia
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Occupation	Surgeon
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Summary

Lorna Sisely, born in 1916 in Wangaratta, was educated at Wangaratta High School, Methodist Ladies College (Melb.) and Janet Clarke Hall University of Melbourne. She was a junior then senior Resident Medical Officer (RMO) at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne from 1942 until 1944. Later Sisely was founder and consultant surgeon at the Monash Medical Centre Breast Clinic. Among her other activities she was a member of the Anti-Cancer Council 1964 – 1981. On 14 June 1980 Lorna Sisely was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for her service to medicine.

[NB: the above biography was researched and written by Philida Sturgiss-Hoy for Women's History Month 2003]

Events

1942 - 1944

Junior and Senior Resident Medical Officer at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne

1947 - 1981

Surgeon and member of the senior staff with the Queen Victoria Medical Centre

1964 - 1981

Member of the Anti-Cancer Council

1949 - 1949

Winner of the Gordon Craig Scholarship in Surgery

1947 - 1949

Honourary Assistant Surgeon at the Children's Hospital, Melbourne

1947 - 1949

Demonstrator with the Department of Anatomy and Pathology at the University of Melbourne

1981 - 1981

Consultant Surgeon at the Monash Medical Centre

1979 - 1979

Founder and Consultant Surgeon of the Breast Clinic Monash Medical Centre

1980 - 1981

Dean of the Clinical School at the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Monash University

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Newspaper Article

Surgeon championed women in medicine, Callander, John; Hart, Stewart and Collins, Peter, 2004

Pioneering woman surgeon who always shone, Hudson, Susan, 2004

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>

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