

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Macfarlan, Margaret

(1904 - 1997)

<b>Born</b>	1 January, 1904
<b>Died</b>	31 December, 1997, Gladstone Queensland Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Editor, Journalist, Newspaper Proprietor

### Summary

Margaret Macfarlan and her daughter, Carmel took over the running of the Gladstone (Queensland) *Observer* in 1947 when her husband (Carmel's father), Colin Macfarlan, died. Colin had built the newspaper into an organ that reportedly 'accomplished more for the advancement of the town than all the public bodies put together'. Margaret followed in the tradition established by her husband, a fact that was acknowledged when she was awarded an MBE for services to journalism and the community in 1970.

The papers was sold to *News Limited* in 1969.

### Events

**1947 - 1968**

**1970 - 1970**

### Published resources

#### Thesis

Women in Central Queensland: A study of three coastal centres 1940-1965, Johansen, Grace, 2002, <http://library-resources.cqu.edu.au/thesis/adt-QCQU/public/adt-QCQU20060921.120038/index.html>

#### Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

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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