

## Vale: Jeannie Ross Fraser

Sadly, Jeannie Ross Fraser, a NSW OTA Life Member passed away on 30th May 2016, aged 92. A memorial service was held in Glen Innes where Jeannie lived from 1985 after retiring from nursing, though not entirely! Eve Chappell provided NSW OTA with Jeannie's eulogy and a number of tributes, including one from the Red Cross. Excerpts provide a glimpse into the professional life of Jeannie. Jeannie commenced her nursing career at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in July 1944, and completed her four year training, graduating from the Hospital in 1948.



Jeannie's interest in her profession never waned, she became a member of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Graduate Nurses' Association on the completion of her training and she continued to meet with fellow members and participate in social and educational activities with the aim of promoting and maintaining the highest standards of nursing practice.

Following her graduation, she went on to complete midwifery at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Launceston, nursed at Port Macquarie Hospital, then Western Suburbs Hospital in Croydon, Sydney, before moving to London to work in her profession, as did so many Australian nurses.

On returning to Sydney, she joined Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, completing further courses in Operating Theatre Management and Research Methods at the NSW College of Nursing and was made a Fellow of the College of Nursing in 1960. She continued until her retirement in 1985, serving at RAHC as Theatre Sister for 32 years. Jeannie was a member of Red Cross, joining when she was very young, continuing her membership while working overseas in England and Scotland, and with Glen Innes Red Cross when she retired in 1985. She was awarded her Long Service Medal in 1995, in 2005 the 20 year membership bar, and in 2015 her 30 year bar.

Jeannie was a member of the NSW Operating Theatre Association and a Life Member, participating fully in all aspects of the Association. Jeannie designed the NSW OTA President's Medal, shown on the right. For a life well lived, Jeannie will be fondly remembered by her family, friends, and nursing colleagues.

