

**THE QUIET AUSTRALIANS**

**BIOGRAPHICAL ENHANCEMENT**

**DATA SUMMARY RECORD**

**TITLE :** Mr

**FIRST NAMES:** Ronald Mark

**SURNAME:** PENN

**POST NOMINALS:** OAM, JP, DipMT, AIMLS, FACBS

**STATE OF CURRENT RESIDENCE:** NSW  
(VIC,NSW,QLD,WA,SA,TAS,ACT,NT)

**CURRENT DATE FOR THIS DATA:** 5Apr1998

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**AWARD ( IN FULL):** Medal of The Order of Australia

**YEAR:** 1986

**LIST (AUST DAY{AD}, QUEENS B/DAY {QB}):** AD

**BASIS FOR THE AWARD WITHIN THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**FOR SERVICE TO:** The community

**GROUPS / ORGANISATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SERVICE:**  
(EG. RED CROSS, ARMY, SHOW SOCIETY, ATHLETICS ETC)  
The Scout Assn. of Australia, the Presbyterian Church of NSW, the University of Sydney.

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**MAJOR FEATURES OF 'MY SERVICE':**  
(EG. THREE OR FOUR FEATURES OF MY SERVICE, THE ORGANISATION'S GOALS/ROLES, THE ACHIEVEMENTS, THE CHALLENGES)

Service to Australian youth through the Scout Assn. of Australia, particularly as an Assistant Area Commissioner (mainly in the field of International Scouting) and as Secretary of the East Hills Pipes and Drums (the only Scout Pipe Band in Australia). Service to the Presbyterian Church at local church level, the Presbytery of Sydney, and General Assembly of Australia. Service to the University of Sydney over a 40 year period, initially as a Laboratory Technician, rising to top grade of Professional Officer. Foundation President of the Sydney University Technical Officer's Assn., Foundation President (for 14 year term) Sydney University Branch of the Professional Officer's Assn. of NSW. Secretary of the stralian Society for Education in Techniques.

**PERSONAL HISTORIC BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

**BORN AT:** London, England

**YEAR:** 1927

**PRINCIPAL EMPLOYMENT / CAREER:** Professional Officer, the University of Sydney

**EDUCATED AT THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:**

Heathfield Infants & Primary School, Twickenham, Middlesex, England. Thames Valley County Grammar School, Twickenham. Twickenham Technical College. Sydney Technical College. Australian Institute of Medical Laboratory Science.

**MARRIED AT:** Inverell, NSW

**YEAR:** 1949

**TO :** Betty WEARNE

**CURRENTLY RESIDING IN (TOWN - OPTIONAL):**

**PARENTS (EG. FATHER, NAME , BORN AT...ON....):** Mark George PENN, Born at London, in 1897.  
Vera Frances Louise MANCHESTER, Born at London, in 1896.

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**OTHER WRITTEN BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

**(TITLE, REFERENCE, ARCHIVAL LOCATION ETC. OF OTHER WRITTEN INFORMATION ON THE RECIPIENT OR ORGANISATION)  
(COPY ATTACHED FOR SCANNING IF APPROPRIATE - TYPESCRIPT ONLY PLEASE)**

Debrett's Handbook of Australia, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, page 565.  
The Australian Roll of Honour 1996.  
From England to Australia - "The Story of a Branch of the Penn Family from 1757 to 1998" by Ronald M. Penn (in preparation)

**ORAL HISTORY DETAILS:**

RECORDING AVAILABLE (YES/NO):

**INTERVIEW CONDUCTED:**

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**OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

