

ROYAL
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OF
DANCE

Vale Tessa Maunder

15 Sept 1924 - 9 July 2022

Tessa Maunder was one of the first teachers to bring the RAD syllabus to Newcastle, and had been a Member of the RAD since 1946. In her long and illustrious career, students she trained included Marilyn Jones OBE, Marilyn Rowe OBE, Robert Curran, Terese Power, Lisa Pavane, Elizabeth Toohey, and Olivia Bell, amongst many others who have continued her legacy of a commitment to excellence in dance.

A talented woman whose dedication to the art form set the precedent for dance training in Australia and beyond, she has had profound influence on hundreds of lives.

Miss Maunder was a true pioneer and icon of the Australian dance industry.