

'127 'FIRSTS & FOUNDERS' AS PART OF THE WOMEN SHAPING THE NATION' - 'VICTORIAN HONOUR ROLL OF WOMEN'



NO.	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SECOND NAME	Honours	ACHIEVEMENT	Year
1	Ms	Maybanke	ANDERSON		Established Australia's first free kindergarten	1895
2	Ms	Robyn	ARCHER	AO	First woman to direct a major state Festival of the Arts	1998
3	Ms	Lillian	ARMFIELD		First policewoman in Australia	1915
4	Ms	Tilly	ASTON		Founder of Australia's first rail library	1894
5	Ms	Faith	BANDLER	AM	Co-founder of the Australian South Sea Islanders United Council	1974
6	Ms	Mary	BENNETT		First missionary teacher to agitate against the removal of Aboriginal children	1933
7	Dr	Dagmar	BERNE		First woman to study medicine in Australia	1886
8	Dr	Mary	BIN-SALLICK		First Indigenous Australian woman to receive a doctorate	1989
9	Dr	Ruth	BISHOP	AO	First person to discover the virus that causes gastroenteritis	1970s
10	Ms	Anna	BOOTH		First Australian woman federal secretary of a union	1987
11	Ms	Ivy	BROOKES		Founder of the first Housewives' Association in Australia	1915
12	Ms	Lucy	BRYCE	CBE	Established Australia's first blood transfusion service	1929
13	Ms	Dorothy	BUCKLAND-FULLER		First woman to establish an Australian Migrant Women's Association	1974
14	Matron	Vivian	BULLWINKEL		First woman trustee of the Australian War Memorial	1985
15	General	Eva	BURROWS	AC	First Australian woman world leader of the Salvation Army	1986
16	Ms	Ita	BUTTROSE	AO	First female Editor of a major daily newspaper	1981
17	Dr	Helen	CALDICOTT		Founder of the Physicians for Social Responsibility group	1977
18	Dr	Kate	CAMPBELL	OBE	First person to demonstrate a link between congenital fibroplasia (a blindness in premature babies) and oxygen levels in humidicribs	1951
19	Ms	Evonne	CAWLEY (née GOOLAGONG)	AO MBE	First Indigenous Australian to represent Australia in world tennis and compete in Wimbledon	1970 & 1971
20	Hon.	Joan	CHILD	AO	Australia's first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives	1986
21	Ms	Caroline	CHISHOLM		Australia's first prominent female social worker	1838
22	Ms	Betty	CHURCHER	AO	First female Director of the National Gallery of Australia	1996
23	Prof.	Adrienne	CLARKE	AO	First female Chairperson of CSIRO	1991
24	Ms	Marie	COLEMAN		First Chair of National Social Welfare Commission	1974
25	Prof.	Suzanne	CORY	AC	First female Director of the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute	1996
26	Ms	Kay	COTTEE	AO	First woman to complete a solo, non-stop & unassisted voyage around the world	1988
27	Rev.	Margaret	COURT	MBE	First Australian woman to win the tennis 'Grand Slam'	1970



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28	Ms	Edith	COWAN	OBE	First woman elected to an Australian parliament	1921
29	Ms	Betty	CUTHBERT	AM	First Australian Olympic triple gold medallist	1956
30	Ms	Margaret	CUTHBERTSON		First female Inspector of factories in Australia	1894
31	Ms	Henrietta	DUGDALE		First woman to speak out for female emancipation	1869
32	Ms	Fanny	DURACK		First Australian woman to receive an Olympic gold medal	1912
33	Dr	Patricia	EDGAR	AM	Founding Director of the innovative Australian Children's Television Foundation	1981
34	Hon. Justice	Elizabeth	EVATT	AC	First Judge of the Family Law Court in Australia	1976
35	Ms	Beatrice	FAUST		Founder of the Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL)	1972
36	Ms	Julia	FLYNN		First woman Chief Inspector of Schools	1928
37	Cr.	Lilian	FOWLER		Australia's first woman Mayor	1938
38	Ms	Dawn	FRASER	AO	First woman in the world to win an Olympic gold medal in the same event at three consecutive Olympics	1964
39	Ms	Cathy	FREEMAN		First Indigenous Australian to win an individual Olympic gold medal	2000
40	Ms	Jan	FULLERTON		First woman Director General of the National Library	1999
41	Hon. Justice	Mary	GAUDRON	AC	First female Justice of the High Court of Australia	1987
42	Ms	Jennie	GEORGE		The first woman President of the ACTU	1995
43	Ms	Pearl	GIBBS		Co-founder of the Aborigines' Progressive Association	1937
44	Dame	Mary	GILMORE	DBE	Founder of the Fellowship of Australian Writers	1928
45	Ms	Vida	GOLDSTEIN		First Australian woman to nominate for election to a national parliament	1903
46	Ms	Nellie	GOULD		First woman Superintendent of the first nurses to serve in a war	1900
47	Ms	Michelle	GRATTAN		First woman Editor of a major daily broadsheet in Australia	1993
48	Dr	Germaine	GREER		First Australian woman to publish an internationally successful feminist treatise	1971
49	Ms	Flos	GREIG		First woman to enter the legal profession in Australia	1905
50	Ms	Bella	GUERIN		First woman to graduate from an Australian University	1883
51	Dame	Margaret	GUILFOYLE	DBE	First woman to be a member of a Federal Cabinet	1976
52	Ms	Janine	HAINES		First Australian woman to lead a political party	1986
53	Air Commod	Julie	HAMMER		First woman Air Commodore in the Australian Defence Force	1999



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54	Ms	Muriel	HEAGNEY		Founder of the Council of Action for Equal Pay	1937
55	Ms	Nora	HEYSEN	AM	First woman to win the Archibald Prize for Portraiture	1938
56	Prof.	Dorothy	HILL	AC	First woman appointed full professor at an Australian University	1959
57	Ms	Janet	HOLMES a COURT	AO	First woman member of the Australian Reserve Bank board	1992
58	Ms	Ruby	HUTCHINSON		Founder of the Australian Consumer Association	1959
59	Ms	Adelaide	IRONSIDE		First Australian artist to study abroad	1850s
60	Ms	Margaret	JACKSON		First woman Chair of QANTAS	2000
61	Mrs	Marjorie	JACKSON	AO	First Australian woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal in Athletics	1952
62	Ms	Annette	KELLERMAN		First woman long distance swimmer for Australia	1905
63	Ms	Gaby	KENNARD		First Australian woman to fly solo around the world	1989
64	Sister	Elizabeth	KENNY		First person to implement an effective method of treatment for infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis)	1911
65	Dr	Jill	KER CONWAY		First woman to Chair a listed public company in Australia	2000
66	Rev.	Winifred	KIEK		First woman to be ordained to the Ministry of any church in Australia	1927
67	Professor	Priscilla	KINCAID-SMITH	AC	First person to establish a link between analgesics and kidney damage	1968
68	Rabbi	Aviva	KIPEN		First Australian woman to be ordained as a Rabbi	1991
69	Ms	Maria	KIRK		Founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Australia	1887
70	Hon.	Joan	KIRNER	AM	Co-founder of Landcare & first female Victorian Premier	1986 & 1990
71	Ms	Emily	KNGWARREYE		First Indigenous woman Artist to have a major retrospective Exhibition	1990
72	Ms	Ngarla	KUNOTH-MONKS		First Indigenous Australian female film star	1955
73	Hon. Dr	Carmen	LAWRENCE		First female Premier of a state	1990
74	Ms	Louisa	LAWSON		First Australian woman to publish a radical magazine for women produced entirely by women	1888
75	Ms	Mary	LEE		Founder of the Working Women's Trade Union	1890
76	Ms	Lottie	LYELL		Australia's first movie star and movie producer	1911



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77	Ms	Helen	LYNCH	AM	First woman Chief General Manager of a bank in Australia	1993
78	Hon. Dame	Enid	LYONS	DBE	Australia's first female member of the House of Representatives	1943
79	Ms	Elizabeth	MACARTHUR		First Australian woman pastoralist	1809
80	Mother	Mary	MacKILLOP		First woman in Australia to found a religious order	1866
81	Dame	Jean	MacNAMARA	DBE	First person to strongly advocate the use of myxomatosis to kill rabbits in Australia	1930s
82	Dame	Ida	MANN	DBE	First person to diagnose trachoma epidemic in Indigenous population in the Kimberleys	1949
83	Ms	Carol	MARTIN		First Indigenous woman to be elected to an Australian Parliament	2001
84	Ms	Bernice	MASTERSON		First Australian woman Assistant Commissioner of Police	1989
85	Dr	Helen	MAYO	OBE	Founder of the Mothers and Babies' Health Association	1906
86	Ms Ms Ms	Isabella Phyllis Paulette	McDONAGH sisters		First Australian women to direct, produce & write feature films	1926
87	Ms	Heather	McKAY	MBE	First woman to win the major international squash championship 16 years in succession	1977
88	Ms	Florence	McKENZIE	OBE	First female electrical engineer	1923
89	Dame	Nellie	MELBA	DBE	First Australian opera superstar	1911
90	Ms	Heather	MITCHELL	AM	First female President of Victorian Farmers' Federation & Co-founder of Landcare	1985 1986
91	Hon. Dame	Roma	MITCHELL	AC DBE	First Australian woman Queen's Council, First woman Chancellor of a University & First Australian woman Governor	1962 1983 1991
92	Ms	Tracy	MOFFATT		First successful Indigenous Australian woman photographer & film maker	1990s
93	Ms	Brigitte	MUIR		First Australian woman to climb Everest	1997
94	Ms	Grace	MUNRO		Founder of the Country Women's Association of Australia	1922
95	Ms	Sue	NATTRASS		First woman Artistic Director of the Melbourne International Festival	1998
96	Comm.	Christine	NIXON		First woman Chief Commissioner of Police	2001
97	Ms	Oodgeroo	NOONUCCAL		First published poetry book by an Indigenous Australian woman & leading advocate for land rights and reconciliation	1964



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98	Hon. Justice	Dierdre	O'CONNOR		First female Federal Court judge in Australia	1990
99	Dr	Lowitja	O'DONOGHUE	AC	First woman chair of ATSI	1989
100	Ms	Pat	O'SHANE	AM	First Indigenous Australian woman Barrister and the First woman to head a State Government Department in Australia.	1976
101	Ms	Lucy	OSBORN		First trained Nurse to work in Australia	1868
102	Ms Ms	Mary Sylvie	OWEN & SHAW		Foundingco-ordinators of the Working Women's Centres	1975
103	Ms	Nova	PERIS	AM	First Indigenous Australian to win an Olympic Gold medal	1996
104	Ms	Mary	REIBEY		First known successful Australian Businesswoman	1811
105	Ms	Elizabeth	REID		First Women's Adviser to an Australian Prime Minister	1973
106	Sen.	Margaret	REID		First Australian woman President of the Senate	1996
107	Ms	Ethel	RICHARDSON		First Australian woman to be nominated for the Nobel Prize for Literature	1932
108	Mrs	Bessie	RISCHBIETH	OBE	Founder of the Australian Federation of Women's Societies (later Voters)	1921
109	Ms	Louise	SAUVAGE	AM	First internationally successful Australian female wheelchair Athlete	1992
110	Dame	Margaret	SCOTT	DBE	Founder of the Australian Ballet School	1963
111	Ms	Evelyn	SCOTT		First female chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation	1991
112	Ms	Catherine Helen	SPENCE		Australia's first female candidate for public office	1897
113	Ms	Anna	STEWART		First woman to achieve maternity leave for women in the private sector	1979
114	Ms	Nellie	STEWART		Australia's first female comic opera star	1877
115	Dr	Constance	STONE		First woman to be registered as a Medical Practitioner in Australia	1890
116	Ms	Jessie	STREET		First Australian woman delegate to the United Nations	1945
117	Ms	Shirley	STRICKLAND (de la HUNTY)	MBE	First Australian woman to win an Olympic medal in Athletics	1948
118	Dr	Anne	SUMMERS	AO	First woman to publish a modern feminist history of Australia	1975
119	Ms	Dorothy	TANGNEY		First Australian woman Senator (W(A.))	1943
120	Ms	Florence	TAYLOR	OBE CBE	First Australian woman Architect	1920



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121	Hon.	Pauline	TONER		Victoria's first woman State Cabinet Minister	1982
122	Ms	Nancy Bird	WALTON	AO	Australia's first female Commercial Pilot	1934
123	Ms	Deborah	WARDLEY		First Australian woman Pilot to stake and win an equal opportunity case	1980
124	Ms	Gai	WATERHOUSE		First woman to gain a license from the Australian Jockey Club	1992
125	Ms	Ivy	WEBER		First woman to be elected to the Victorian Parliament in a general election	1937
126	Dr	Di	YERBURY	AM	First Australian woman Vice-Chancellor of a University	1987
127	Dr	Simone	YOUNG		First female Australian Conductor to achieve international success	1993