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Glencross, Eleanor

(1876 - 1950)

Born	18761111, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Died	19500502, Cremorne New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Feminist, Political candidate, Women's rights activist

Summary

Eleanor Glencross was the second woman to stand for the Victorian Parliament. She unsuccessfully contested the seat of Brighton in 1928 as an Independent Nationalist. She had previously stood for the Federal seat of Henty in 1922 and in 1943 the seat of Martin. A former general secretary, chief speaker and organizer of the Australian Women's National League in 1920 Glencross became president of the Housewives' Association of Victoria. In 1923 she became president of the Federated Housewives Association of Australia. During World War II she was prominent in patriotic activities as a member of the State advisory committee of the Commonwealth prices commissioner, the council of the Lord Mayor's Patriotic and War Fund and of the executive of the Women's Voluntary National Register.

Events

1928 - 1928

Appointed to the Commonwealth Film Censorship Board

1922 - 1922

Encouraged the formation of the Victorian Women Citizens' Movement

1918 - 1928

Executive member of the National Council of Women of Victoria

1911 - 1912

General secretary, chief speaker and organizer of the Australian Women's National League

1931 - 1931

Joined the staff of the National Association of New South Wales

1917 - 1917

Married grazier Andrew Glencross (d. 1930)

1927 - 1927

One of the first female justices of the peace appointed in Victoria

1928 - 1928

One of three women members of the Council of British Empire Exhibition, Melbourne

1928 - 1928

Presided at the only Melbourne Women's Citizens' Function to entertain the Duchess of York

1923 - 1923

President of the Federated Housewives' Association of Australia

1920 - 1920

President of the Housewives' Association of Victoria

1927 - 1928

President of the National Council of Women of Victoria

1913 - 1913

Returned to Sydney

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1938 - 1938

Salaried chairwoman of directors of the Housewives' Association of New South Wales

1923 - 1923

Served on the Victorian royal commission on the high cost of living

1922 - 1922

Stood as an Independent for the Federal seat of Henty

1943 - 1943

Stood as an Independent for the Federal seat of Martin

1928 - 1928

Stood as an Independent for the Victorian seat of Brighton

1913 - 1913

Women's organizer for the Liberal Association of New South Wales

1912 - 1913

Worked for the People's Liberal Party

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1944, Alexander, Joseph A, 1944

Double Time: Women in Victoria - 150 Years, Lake, Marilyn and Kelly, Farley, 1985

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

Book

Liberal women : Federation to 1949, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2004

The Early years of the Housewives Association of Victoria, 1915-1930, Oldfield, Robert, 1989

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<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A090026b.htm>

Journal Article

A Mission to the Home: The Housewives Association, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Protestant Christianity, 1920-1940, Smart, Judith, 1998

Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

Resource

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Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Minutes \[1904-1960\] \[microform\]](#)

[Papers of Herbert and Ivy Brookes, 1869-1970 \[manuscript\]](#)

State Library of Victoria

[National Council of Women of Victoria](#)

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

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