

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Organisation

Entry ID: AWE0625

Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society

(1888 - 1986)

Born 1 January, 1888, Preston Victoria Australia

Died 31 December, 1986, Preston Victoria Australia

Occupation Welfare organisation

Summary

The Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society was formed in 1888 with the aim of relieving 'distress among the less fortunate' in the Preston area. Mrs L Lyons was the inaugural president. Other early members included Mesdames Richardson, Robinson, Carson, Warr, Showers, Harrap, Bell, Dale, Howe, Rundle, McKenzie, Hattam and Stone. It held monthly meetings where the cases were discussed, but no applicants were refused assistance. One of the Society's roles was to work with the Almoners from the hospitals to supply special cases with invalid food. Mrs Allchin, a long serving president, held the position for forty-nine years and died in December 1946. The Society operated under the umbrella of the Victorian Association of Benevolent Societies.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

The University of Melbourne Archives

[Victorian Association Of Benevolent Societies](#)

Author Details

Rosemary Francis

Created 14 November 2003

Last modified 29 October 2018