

The Australian Women's Register

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Ellis, Constance

(1872 - 1942)

Born	2 November, 1872, Carlton Victoria Australia
Died	10 September, 1942, South Yarra Victoria Australia
Occupation	Medical practitioner

Summary

Constance Ellis became the first woman graduate of the University of Melbourne to obtain the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) in March 1903. She joined the pathology department of the Queen Victoria Hospital in 1902 and was honorary pathologist from 1908 until 1919. Ellis was the first woman to become a demonstrator and lecturer of Pathology at the University of Melbourne.

A foundation member of the Lyceum Club, Ellis was also a member of the Medical Women's Society, the Australian Association for Fighting Venereal Diseases, the Victorian branch of the British Medical Association, the National Council of Women of Victoria, the Victorian Baby Health Centre Association and the Emily McPherson College.

Events

1970 - 1970

Educated at Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC)

1970 - 1970

Enrolled for the medical course at the University of Melbourne

1970 - 1970

Attended Janet Clarke hostel, Trinity College, as a non-resident

1970 - 1970

At the final examinations Ellis came second in surgery and third in medicine

2003 - 2003

Obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine (by examination)

1902 - 1902

Joined the honorary staff of the Queen Victoria Hospital

1908 - 1919

Honorary pathologist at the Queen Victoria Hospital

1920 - 1942

Vice-president of the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association

1911 - 1911

President of the Old Collegians' Association (PLC)

1925 - 1925

Took part in PLC's jubilee congress, a two-day discussion on social and welfare matters

1912 - 1912

Vice-president and one of the founders of the Lyceum Club (Melb.)

1918 - 1919

President of the Lyceum Club

2025 - 2025

Became a member of the first committee of the Melbourne Business and Professional Women's Club

1911 - 1942

Council member of the College of Domestic Economy (later Emily McPherson College)

1932 - 1934

Council president of the Emily McPherson College

Published resources

Book

The Emily Mac : the story of the Emily McPherson College, 1906-1979, Docherty, James, 1981

A History of the Lyceum Club Melbourne, Gillison, Joan M, 1975

Book Section

Constance Ellis, Radi, Heather, 1988

Resource Section

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<http://www.cshs.unimelb.edu.au/umfm/biogs/FM00126b.htm>

Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Edited Book

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

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State Library of Victoria

[Records, 1910-2013. \[manuscript\].](#)

[National Council of Women of Victoria](#)

[History of the Lyceum Club, and papers, 1970-1975. \[manuscript\].](#)

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