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# The Dawn: a journal for Australian women (1888-1905)

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## Summary

In 1888 Louisa Lawson, who had previously edited the *Republican* with son Henry, launched *The Dawn; a journal for women.* The publication's purpose was to be a "phonograph to wind out audibly the whispers, pleadings and demands of the sisterhood". It advised on women's issues, including divorce, the age of consent, and women's right to vote. As well as operating as an important vehicle for the communication of feminist politics the paper also contained short stories, fashion notes, sewing patterns and reports on women's activities around the country and overseas. By October 1889, the *Dawn* office employed ten women as typesetters, printers, binders, and unskilled workers. They were harassed by male workers, and by their male union, The New South Wales Typographical Association. In 1905, after seventeen years, the publication ceased production.

## Published resources

**Journal**
The Dawn : a journal for Australian women, Lawson, Louisa, 1888-1905

**Edited Book**
The first voice of Australian feminism : excerpts from Louisa Lawson's The Dawn 1888-1895, Lawson, Olive, 1990

**Journal Article**
An Incident at the Dawn, Hagan, J, 1965

**Newspaper Article**
A woman's political work is never done, Roxon, Nicola, 2003

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