

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

**Entry ID:** AWE0650

## Greville, Henrietta

(1861 - 1964)

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**Born** 9 October, 1861, Dunedin New Zealand

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**Died** 29 August, 1964, Lakemba New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Activist, Trade unionist

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### Summary

Henrietta Greville established her life-long involvement with the labour movement when she moved to the goldfields at West Wyalong, following the breakdown of her marriage to John Collins. Here she pegged out a claim, sold meals to the miners and helped establish a branch of the Political Labor League, as well as meeting her future husband, miner and union organizer, Hector Greville. To help support her family Greville, at times, worked as a seamstress. Later she became an organizer for the Australian Workers' Union, the Women Workers' Union, and for some time acted as its delegate at the Trades and Labor Council. As a Labor candidate, Greville was defeated for the federal seat of Wentworth in 1917 and the state seat of Vaucluse in 1927. Greville became associated with the Workers' Educational Association of New South Wales in 1914 when she joined an economics class. By 1918 she was branch secretary at Lithgow, became a member of the executive in 1919 and the first woman president in 1920. Greville was still active with the association in 1954, at the age of 94. On 1 January 1958 Henrietta Greville was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire for social welfare services in New South Wales.

## Events

### **1940 - 1940**

Worked for the Rockdale branch of the Original Old Age and Invalid Pensioners' Association

### **1954 - 1954**

Aged 94 directed a group of women studying sex hygiene for WEA

### **1970 - 1970**

Moved with her parents Henry and Rebecca (née Hutchinson) Wyse and siblings from New Zealand to Victoria

### **1945 - 1945**

Became a life-member of the Union of Australian Women

### **2058 - 2058**

Appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire for social welfare services in New South Wales

### **1970 - 1970**

Joined the Labor Party

### **1920 - 1920**

First woman to be elected president of WEA

### **1917 - 1917**

Stood, unsuccessfully, for the Federal electorate seat of Wentworth, representing the Women's Central Organising Committee of the Australian Labor Party

### **1938 - 1938**

President of the Labor Women's Advisory Council

### **1970 - 1970**

Organiser for the Australian Workers Union

### **1970 - 1970**

Delegate to Trades and Labor Council

### **1970 - 1970**

Married John Collins a jeweller at Albury Registry Office

### **1970 - 1970**

Married Hector Greville a miner and union organizer

### **1908 - 1908**

Organizer for the White Workers' Union and attacked the working conditions and wages of female shirt-makers

### **1916 - 1917**

Campaigned against conscription

### **1927 - 1927**

Labor candidate for the New South Wales State seat of Vaucluse

### **1914 - 1914**

Joined the first tutorial class of the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) of New South Wales and studied economics for two years

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

### **Book**

More Than a Hat and Glove Brigade: The Story of the Union of Australian Women, Curthoys, B. (Barbara) and McDonald, Audrey, 1996

Henrietta Greville : veteran Labor pioneer, A group of friends, 1958

### **Resource Section**

Greville, Henrietta (1861 - 1964), Vinter, Mary, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A090107b.htm>

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### **Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection**

[William Morrow - recordings of addresses given by Jessie Street, and interviews with Jessie Street, 1953-1960](#)

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