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The Women’s Auxiliary to the Australian Board of Missions

(1910 -)

Born	19100101
Occupation	Philanthropic organisation, Religious organisation

Summary

The Australian Board of Missions formed in 1850 with the aim of converting the indigenous peoples of the islands around Australia to the Anglican faith. In 1910 it was decided to employ women in a fund-raising capacity by forming the Women’s Auxiliary to the Australian Board of Missions. Beginning in New South Wales, Auxiliaries were attached to a particular diocese and by the 1980s were established in nineteen of the twenty four Australian dioceses. Initially, the funds raised went toward missionary training. More recently, they have been dedicated to specific projects such as the establishment of a training centre for lay, Indigenous evangelists

Details

Women involved in this group often saw their role as far more than simple fund-raising including also education and prayer.

Archival note:
Since, from its inception, women were elected from the Auxiliary to the Board, information about the groups activities may be found in the general records of the Australia Board of Missions from 1910.

Published resources

Book
Workers Together - The Story of the Women's Auxiliary to the Australian Board of Missions 1910 - 1985, Mitchell, Doris,, 1985

Report
A.B.M. review / Australian Board of Missions, 1910-1974

Annual Report, Australian Board of Missions, 1881

Newsletter
The herald, Australian Board of Missions, 1910[?]-1968

The Australasian missionary news, 1880-1890

Leaflet
W. A. leaflet Australian Board of Missions. Women's Auxiliary

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

Archives Office of Tasmania
All Saints Parish - Church of England Records

Records of Australian Board of Missions - Tasmanian Branch

St Marys Church of England-Moonah minutes of meetings of Australian Board of Missions Womens Auxiliary 1964-1986

National Library of Australia, Ephemera Collection
[Australian Board of Missions: Ephemera material collected by the National Library of Australia]

National Library of Australia
Parish letters, newssheets and articles relating to the activities of the Australian Board of Missions in Australia and Papua New Guinea

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection
Anglican Board of Mission (Australia) - further records, 1887-1996

W. A. leaflet Australian Board of Missions. Women's Auxiliary

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