

The Australian Women's Register

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Booth, Sarah

(1844 - 1928)

Born 1 January, 1844

Died 31 December, 1928

Occupation Community worker, Women's rights activist

Summary

Sarah Crisp Booth (1844-1928) was instrumental in making a success of the first Melbourne Young Women's Christian Organisation, which was officially recognised by the Young Women's Christian Organisation of Great Britain on the 21st May 1883.

Initially a reluctant recruit, Booth (together with her sister E.W. Booth), became the first General Secretary of the Melbourne Young Women's Christian Organisation of Melbourne. She is listed as Honorary Secretary 1882- 1910.

As part of the 'midnight missions', library development, 'gospel temperance union' and factory visit programs, Booth – keenly aware of space restrictions – set up a building fund in 1886. This resulted in the purchase of the "Christian Home for Girls" in Jolimont in 1888.

Published resources

Book

Donna forget : stories from real life, Booth, S. C. (Sarah Crisp), 1844-1928, 1908

The Dauntless Bunch : The Story of the YWCA in Australia, Dunn, Margaret, 1991

Y.W.C.A. 1882-1982 : Melbourne pictorial history, Durrant, Leoni, 1982

Thesis

The Mother's anxious future : Australian Christian Women's Organisations meet the modern world, 1890s-1930s, Warne, Ellen Mary, 2000

Resource

1891 Women's Suffrage Petition, Parliament of Victoria

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

The University of Melbourne Archives

[Young Women's Christian Association of Australia](#)

Public Record Office Victoria, Victorian Archives Centre

[Women's Suffrage Petition 1891](#)

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