

The Australian Women's Register

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Australian Women's Guild of Empire

(1928 - 1940)

Born 1 January, 1928

Died 31 December, 1940

Occupation Lobby group, Political organisation

Summary

The Australian Women's Guild of Empire was founded in 1928 by Adela Pankhurst Walsh. It was modelled on and affiliated with the London based Women's Guild of Empire.

The Guild initially raised money for working class women and children hit by the Depression. It also advocated the need for industrial cooperation, and Pankhurst frequently spoke out against strikes. It was a conservative, patriotic organisation which developed strong anti-communist sentiments.

Details

Throughout its existence, the Guild adopted the following objectives:

1. To combat Communism and all forms of class government.
2. To establish industrial co-operation and peace.
3. to uphold the Christian ideals of life and safeguard the family.
4. To awaken the peoples to a sense of responsibility for the well-being of the community.
5. To deepen the realization of the value of British citizenship.
6. To assist in the development of Australia as a part of the British Empire.

Published resources

Newspaper

The Empire Gazette, 1929-1940

Book

Australia and the Empire, Walsh, Adela Pankhurst

Pamphlet

Industrial co-operation: Policy speech of the Australian Women's Guild of Empire, Walsh, Adela Pankhurst, 1931

Book Section

Brazen hussies and God's police fighting back in the depression years. [Revised version of article published in Hecate, v.8, no.1, 1982], Stone, Janey, 1998

Anti-political political thought. -Non/ Labor reactions against party politics during the Great Depression in New South Wales, Loveday, Peter, 1981

The Australian Women's Guild of Empire, Castle, Josie, 1980

Journal Article

The Enthusiasms of Adela Pankhurst Walsh, Damousi, Joy, 1993

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