

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Littlejohn, Emma Linda Palmer

(1883 - 1949)

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<b>Born</b>	11 December, 1883, Double Bay New South Wales Australia
<b>Died</b>	21 March, 1949, Paddington New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Feminist, Journalist, Radio Broadcaster, Radio Journalist, Women's rights activist

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### Summary

Linda Littlejohn was an ardent feminist who developed an international profile. A daughter of privilege, she began moving in philanthropic circles early, as a member of the Ascham School Old Girls' Union. A well respected figure in the New South Wales women's movement, in 1926 she became an executive-member of the National Council of Women of New South Wales and the Feminist Club. Two years later she launched the League of Women Voters to support female candidates for public office and to press for feminist reforms.

Littlejohn broadcast for the British Broadcasting Corporation and for 2UW and 2UE in Sydney. She reported for the *Australian Women's Weekly* on the campaigns of the United Associations and the Australian Federation of Women Voters. She belonged to the New South Wales Institute of Journalists (1933-41) and the Business and Professional Women's club of Sydney. In her novel *Life and Lucille* (1933) she dramatized the need for women in parliament, divorce reform and the introduction of adequate training to enable women to be economically independent of their fathers and husbands.

### Events

#### 1910 - 1920

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Littlejohn, Emma Linda Palmer (1883-1949), Foley, Meredith, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A100110b.htm>

#### Book

50 years of feminist achievement : a history of the United Associations of Women, Mitchell, Winifred, 1979

#### Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

#### Magazine

Ascham charivari, Ascham School,  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.cat-vn304018>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

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

[National Council of Women of NSW - program for the launch of the Centenary Stamp Issue and a complete set of the issue, 1996](#)

[National Council of Women of New South Wales further papers, 1895-1981](#)

[National Council of Women of NSW Inc. - further records, 1926-1927, 1937-1990](#)

[Papers relating to National Council of Women of New South Wales, 1895-1897](#)

[National Council of Women of New South Wales further records, 1895-1997](#)

[National Council of Women of New South Wales records, 1895-1976](#)

[Feminist Club of New South Wales records, 1928-1973](#)

[United Association of Women - Further Records, 1930-1978](#)

### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Jessie Street, circa 1914-1968 \[manuscript\]](#)

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