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Levy, Mary Frances Debora

(1831 - 1924)

Born	1 January, 1831, Penrith New South Wales Australia
Died	29 November, 1924, New South Wales
Occupation	Founder, Humanitarian

Summary

With her sister Emma, Frances Levy founded the first Australian Band of Mercy in 1874, in Sydney. The organisation was aimed at young people and promoted the protection of animals. By 1920 there were 131 bands and over 60,000 members. Frances Levy was also the founder and honorary secretary of the Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Between 1887 and 1923 she edited the *Band of Mercy and Humane Journal of New South Wales*.

Published resources

**Edited Book**  
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