

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Martel, Ellen Alma

(1855 - 1940)

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<b>Born</b>	18550930, Beacon, St Agnes, Cornwall England
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<b>Died</b>	19400811, Ladbroke Gardens Notting Hill London England
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<b>Occupation</b>	Suffragist
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### Summary

A suffragist, Nellie Martel was an early member of the Womanhood Suffrage League, which was formed in Sydney in 1891. From 1894 she served as a member of its Council and organising committee, but by 1901 had become president of a new organisation called the Women's Progressive Association of New South Wales. Women gained the franchise in Australia federally in 1902 and voted for the first time in 1903, when Nellie Martel stood as a candidate for the Senate. She returned to England in 1904 and joined the Women's Social and Political Union in 1905, but left in 1908.

### Published resources

#### Book Section

Martel, Ellen Alma (Nellie) (1855-1940), Bettison, Margaret, 2005

#### Edited Book

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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