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Onslow, Madeline Emma

(1850 - 1926)

Born	18501221, County Monaghan Ulster Ireland
Died	19261005, Hampstead Middlesex England
Occupation	Suffragist

Summary

Madeline Onslow worked for the woman suffrage cause in Western Australia after her arrival in the colony with her husband, Attorney-General of Western Australia, Sir Alexander Onslow in 1880. As a founding member, and vice-president of the Karrakatta Club for women in Perth from 1894, she persuaded it to debate and discuss woman suffrage. In 1899 she was instrumental in the formation of the Woman's Franchise League, which lobbied strongly for the vote until it was granted to the women of Western Australia in 1899.

In 1901 she returned to England where she worked to achieve the franchise for the women of the United Kingdom.

Published resources

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

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