

# The Australian Women's Register

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## The Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors

(1902 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1902, Melbourne

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**Occupation** Arts organisation

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### Summary

The Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors was founded in 1902 by women who had been students at the Art School of the National Gallery of Victoria, to provide a forum for artistic discussion and an opportunity to view and comment on each other's work.

Originally named the Students' Art Club, it became "Woomballana" (meaning either 'everlasting beauty' or 'search for beauty') Art Club, The Women's Art Club, the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and finally, in 1954, the present title was adopted.

### Published resources

#### Book

More Than Just Gumtrees: A Personal, Social and Artistic History of the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Peers, Juliet, 1993

The Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, 1901 - 1980 : a survey of exhibiting members, 9 March - 20 April 1980, 1980

Brief history from 1901-1959 / [compiled from old minutes and reports], Mathews, Marjorie McChesney, 1959

#### Resource

The Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mswps/>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Newsletter

News bulletin / Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, 1966-

#### Pamphlet

Constitution, Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, 1966

Society and exhibition rules, Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, [1968?]

#### Catalogue

Annual exhibition / Melbourne Society of Women Painters & Sculptors, [?1902-]

### Archival resources

#### State Library of Victoria

Records, 1904-1995. [manuscript].

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