

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0756

## Peacock, Millie Gertrude

(1870 - 1948)

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**Born** 3 August, 1870, Victoria Australia

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**Died** 7 February, 1948

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Political candidate

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### Summary

Lady Millie Peacock was the first woman member elected to the Victorian Parliament and the third woman elected to Parliament in Australia. On 1 January 1901 she married Victorian Parliamentarian Alexander Peacock (knighted 1902). Lady Peacock was the first President of the Creswick branch of the Australian Red Cross Society. She was a member of the Provisional Committee of the Victorian Division of the Australian branch of the British Red Cross Society (1914-1915). She then became a member of the Victorian Divisional Committee until 1934 and was a member of the Victorian General Committee until 1938. Following the death of her husband in 1933 Lady Peacock stood for and won her late husband's Legislative Assembly seat of Allandale. During her time in Parliament she made only one speech. She retired from Parliament in 1935.

### Events

#### 2002 - 2002

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1944, Alexander, Joseph A, 1944

#### Resource Section

Lady Millie Peacock, Parliament of Victoria, 2002,  
<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/milliepeacock.htm>

#### Book

No ordinary lives: pioneering women in Australian politics, Jenkins, Cathy, 2008

Liberal women : Federation to 1949, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2004

#### Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### **State Library of Victoria**

Ivy Lavinia Weber, Victorian M.L.A., 1937-1943, 1979. [manuscript].

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