

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0776

## Scott, Rose

(1847 - 1925)

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**Born** 8 October, 1847, Glendon New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 20 April, 1925, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Feminist

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### Summary

Social reformer, Rose Scott was born at Glendon, near Singleton, NSW, on 8 October, 1847. Rose Scott was one of the key figures in the turn-of-the century movement committed to the universal suffrage and a general improvement in the condition of women. She lived at home and did not marry, she devoted her life to the women's movement.

In 1889 she helped form the Women's Literary Society in Sydney and it was out of this society that the Womanhood Suffrage League developed in May 1891. She wrote and debated and lectured and argued until in 1902 the Women's Suffrage Act became law in New South Wales. She lobbied for the establishment of Children's Courts for juvenile offenders, for the 'age of consent' to be raised from fourteen to sixteen for girls (Crimes (Girls' Protection) Acts 1910), and for a more comprehensive and equitable system of family maintenance to be established.

She opposed Federation and, in later years, conscription. She was president of a local branch of the London Peace Society, formed in 1907, and international secretary of the National Council of Women of New South Wales, formed in 1896.

One of the most important figures of her time she died in Sydney on 20 April 1925.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Resource Section

Scott, Rose (1847-1925), Allen, Judith, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A110563b.htm>

Scott, Rose (1847-1925), National Library of Australia, 2011,  
<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/131193/20111216-1107/www.nla.gov.au/guides/federation/people/scott.html>

#### Book

Rose Scott: Vision and Revision in Feminism, Allen, Judith A., 1994

The Complete Book of Great Australian Women: Thirty-six women who changed the course of Australia, De Vries, Susanna, 2003

#### Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

#### Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

## Archival resources

### **Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection**

National Council of Women of NSW - program for the launch of the Centenary Stamp Issue and a complete set of the issue, 1996

National Council of Women of New South Wales further papers, 1895-1981

National Council of Women of NSW Inc. - further records, 1926-1927, 1937-1990

Papers relating to National Council of Women of New South Wales, 1895-1897

National Council of Women of New South Wales further records, 1895-1997

Women's Literary Society - Minute book, 15 Aug. 1892 - Aug. 1893, with annual reports 1893, 1896

Rose Scott - Journal, 1889-1893

National Council of Women of New South Wales records, 1895-1976

Miles Franklin - Papers, 1841-1954

Miles Franklin papers, mainly literary manuscripts, [1900-1954?]

Dowell O'Reilly - Papers, 1884-1923, with additional family papers, 1877-1944

Scott Family (Rose Scott) papers, 1777-1925 [MLMSS 38/1-79]

[Papers on women's suffrage / compiled by Rose Scott.]????????[Papers on women's suffrage / compiled by Rose Scott.]

[Pamphlets relating to Australian women's suffrage]

[Collection of pamphlets containing souvenir concert programmes and Australian biographies.]

### **State Library of New South Wales**

Scott family - Manuscript and pictorial material, 1777-1925

Rose Scott papers, 1862-1923

Windeyer family papers, 1829-1943

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