

The Australian Women's Register

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Modern Women's Club

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Occupation Political organisation, Social action organisation

Summary

Formed by Katharine Susannah Prichard in 1938 the Modern Women's Club began as a coalition of women from the Communist Party and the Australian Labor Party's Council Against War and Fascism. It sought to provide a forum for women "of all parties and opinions" to discuss and act on issues of the day. As Joan Williams notes, it was considered by some as "most avant-garde for the time". The Modern Women's Club rejected notions of "womanly" preoccupations instead acting as a forum in which working and Aboriginal women could discuss issues of the day, in particular, peace. The club's other key concerns included equal pay, rights for women and citizenship rights for Aborigines.

Published resources

Book

The first furrow, Williams, Justina, 1976

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of Western Australia

[Records, 1938-1973 \[manuscript\]](#)

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