

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2911

## Todd, Ellen Joy

(1860 - 1948)

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**Born** 16 May, 1860, Woolwich Arsenal Kent Australia

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**Died** 24 February, 1948, Double Bay New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Editor, Journalist, Print journalist

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### Summary

Ellen Todd migrated to Australia with her husband, Robert Henry Todd, in 1887. They eventually settled in Sydney, where Ellen established a solid career in journalism. In a period spanning over thirty years, she contributed to the *Echo*, *Illustrated Sydney News* and to Louisa Lawson's *Dawn*. She supplied book reviews and theatrical and musical critiques to the *Australian Town and Country Journal*, as well as the obligatory social notes.

From January 1906 until 1923, Todd was foundation editor of the weekly *Woman's Budget*, a journal which claimed to be 'WRITTEN by WOMEN for WOMEN'. The magazine featured items on cookery, dressmaking and fashion, as well as articles of wider interest and provided an outlet for women writers. Circulation under Todd's editorship was estimated to have reached 150,000 weekly.

From 1933 until 1940 Ellen Todd worked in an honorary capacity for the *Empire Gazette*, edited by Adela Pankhurst Walsh. Ellen's recollections of social and artistic life in Sydney were published under the title of *Looking Back* in 1938.

### Events

**1906 - 1940**

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Todd, Ellen Joy (1861-1948), 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A120710b.htm>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

Looking back : some early recollections of Mrs. R.H. Todd., Todd, Ellen Joy, 1938

#### Site Exhibition

The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

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