

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## McLennan, Ethel Irene

(1891 - 1983)

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**Born** 15 March, 1891, Williamstown Victoria Australia

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**Died** 12 June, 1983, Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Academic, Botanist, Educator

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### Summary

Ethel McLennan was awarded her Doctor of Science degree in 1921 for a study of the endophytic fungus associated with the seed of the grass *Lolium*. She was awarded a fellowship by the International Federation of University Women in 1926, and became a central figure in the Botany Department at the University of Melbourne. She became associate professor in 1931, and enjoyed an excellent reputation nationwide as a leading plant pathologist and mycologist.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

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

#### Resource Section

McLennan, Ethel Irene (1891-1983), McCarthy, G.J.,  
<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P000610b.htm>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

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

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