

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Sydney University Women's Society

(1891 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1891, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Philanthropic organisation, Social support organisation

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### Summary

The Sydney University Women's Society was established in 1891 with the object of assisting "anyone requiring and deserving help".

Among other activities, members of the Society worked at Lewisham Hospital, Newington asylum for aged women, the Woolloomooloo girls' club and the Harrington Street night school for girls at Millers Point.

Today the re-named Sydney University Settlement Neighbourhood Centre works primarily with the Aboriginal community and other disadvantaged groups in Chippendale, Redfern, Darlington and Waterloo.

### Events

#### 1908 - 1908

Settlement House was opened, with Sarah Evans becoming the first resident Settler

#### 1913 - 1913

The Society was renamed the Sydney University Settlement.

#### 1925 - 1925

The University Settlement purchased a property at Chippendale with the financial assistance of Dorette (Dorothea) Margarethe Maccallum and her

#### 1959 - 1959

The Society was incorporated under the Sydney University Settlement Incorporation Act.

#### 1973 - 1973

Under considerable financial pressure, the University Settlement became a neighbourhood centre.

### Published resources

#### Book

Pioneer Women Graduates of the University of Sydney 1881-1921, Bygott, Ursula and Cable, Kenneth John, 1985

The Settlement: a history of the University of Sydney Settlement and the Settlement Neighbourhood Centre, 1891-1986, Williams, Roma, 1988

#### Resource

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Archival resources

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