

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Hetherington, Isabella

(1870 - 1946)

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<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
<b>Born</b>	1 January, 1870, Ireland
<b>Died</b>	31 August, 1946, Mossman Queensland Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Missionary

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### Summary

Isabella Hetherington spent most of her life in Australia working with Aboriginal people. A member of the Baptist Church, she joined the Australian (United) Aborigines Mission from 1906, and served for three years at Wellington, New South Wales. She spent time at Manunka near Port Macleay, South Australia and at La Perouse in New South Wales. From 1930 she worked in Mossman, Queensland setting up a 'Faith Mission' in the Gorge reserve. In 1933 she was accepted as an Assemblies of God missionary to the Aborigines with the opening of a church and school building in 1938. She opposed the policy of removing children with a non-Aboriginal father from their families.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Hetherington, Isabella (c.1870-1946), Chant, Barry, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/AS10222b.htm>

#### Book

Aboriginal Queen of sacred song : her life story, Hetherington, Isabella, 1930?

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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