

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## McNamara, Matilda Emilie Bertha

(1853 - 1931)

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 28 September, 1853, Posen Prussia (Poland)

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**Died** 1 August, 1931, North Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Bookseller, Feminist, Political activist

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### Summary

Bertha McNamara's experience as a widow trying to rear six children prompted her interest in radical politics. She published pamphlets on socialism and with her second husband, William McNamara, opened a radical bookshop in Castlereagh Street in Sydney in the 1890s. She was a member of the Social Democratic Federation of Australasia and of the Womanhood Suffrage League of New South Wales. In addition she was a founder of the Labor Women's Central Organising Committee.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

McNamara, Matilda Emilie Bertha (1853-1931), Burgmann, Verity, 2006, <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A100341b.htm>

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