

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Ibbott, Nellie Grace

(1889 - 1970)

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**Born** 20 June, 1889, Leyton, Essex England

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**Died** 25 June, 1970, Mornington Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Local government councillor, Mayor

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### Summary

Nellie Ibbott was the first woman to be elected to the Heidelberg Shire Council in 1928. Heidelberg became a city in 1934 and Ibbott served as mayor from 1943-44, becoming the first woman in Victoria to hold mayoral office. In 1950 she was defeated at the council elections after serving for 22 years. In addition to her council work, she was active in the Victorian Division of the Liberal Party of Australia. In 1949 she was nominated as a candidate for pre-selection for the Senate, but was unsuccessful. She became involved in charity work, establishing the Heidelberg Benevolent Society. She was appointed MBE in 1954.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

Getting the numbers: women in local government, Sinclair, Amanda, Bowman, Margaret and Strahan, Lynne, 1987

#### Resource Section

Ibbott, Nellie Grace (1889-1971), Baker, Jean, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A140606b.htm>

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Nellie Ibbott, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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