

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Behrendt, Larissa

(1969 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1969, Cooma New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Academic, Lawyer, Writer

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### Summary

Larissa Behrendt, AO, is a Eualeyai/Kamillaroi woman, born in Cooma, New South Wales, in 1969. She was educated at Kirrawee High School before studying law at the University of New South Wales and then at Harvard Law School. She was the first Indigenous Australian to graduate from Harvard Law School.

Behrendt was appointed an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia on 26 January 2020 for distinguished service to Indigenous education and research, to the law, and to the visual and performing arts.

Read more about Larissa Behrendt in our sister publication [The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia](#).

### Published resources

#### 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>

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

#### Resource Section

Law, Kerwin, Hollie and Rubenstein, Kim, 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders/biogs/WLE0624b.htm>

## Archival resources

### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Larissa Behrendt, 1992-2006 \[manuscript\]](#)

### **National Library of Australia**

[\[Biographical cuttings on Larissa Behrendt, first Aborigine to go to the harvard Law School, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

### **National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection**

[Larissa Behrendt interviewed by Peter Read and Jackie Huggins in 2011 for the Seven years on - continuing life histories of Aboriginal leaders oral history project \[sound recording\]](#)

[Larissa Behrendt interviewed by Peter Read in 2012 for the Seven years on - continuing life histories of Aboriginal leaders oral history project \[sound recording\]](#)

[Larissa Behrendt interviewed by Peter Read in 2016 for the Seven years on - continuing life histories of Aboriginal leaders oral history project](#)

[Larissa Behrendt interviewed by Peter Read in 1995 for the Seven years on - continuing life histories of Aboriginal leaders oral history project \[sound recording\]](#)

[Larissa Behrendt interviewed by Peter Read and Jackie Huggins in 2002 for the Seven years on - continuing life histories of Aboriginal leaders oral history project \[sound recording\]](#)

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