

Bella Guérin



The suffragettes were part of a global movement fighting for women's right to vote (also known as women's suffrage). Many suffragettes opposed the War and fought for peace.

Julia Margaret (Bella) Guérin was a well-known suffragette. She was the first female university graduate in Australia, a socialist and a Principal of Brunswick Girls' High School.

She was a key member of Vida Goldstein's Women's Political Association and led the Labor Women's Anti-Conscription Fellowship campaign in the lead up to the nationwide vote on conscription in 1916 and 1917. Anti-conscription organisations held regular rallies on the Yarra Bank, among other activities.

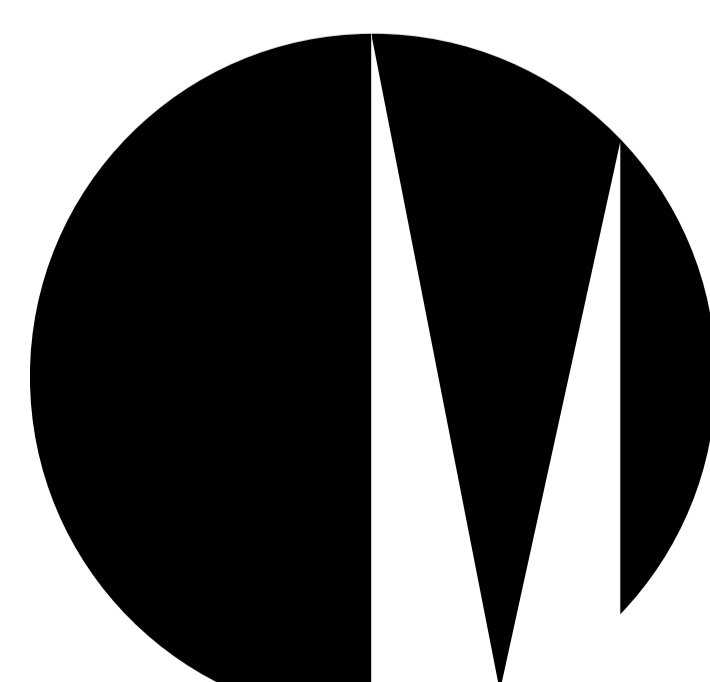
Following this, Bella became the vice-president of the Labor Party's Women's Central Organising Committee.

Bella is remembered as an astute and witty social commentator. She is also known by her married surnames, firstly Halloran, then Lavender.

She died in 1923.



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Image 1. Australian Labor Party Anti-Conscription Campaign Committee, 1916. Source: State Library of Victoria, Riley and Ephemera Collection.

Image 2. Miss Bella Guerin. Wood engraving published in the Illustrated Australian News, 24 December, 1883. Source: State Library of Victoria, IAN24/12/83/204

Image 3. Advertisement from The Woman Voter, 12 October 1916. Image source: Context Pty Ltd, Brunswick.

Image 4. Anti-conscription rally, Yarra Bank, Sunday 16 April 1916. Source: National Library of Australia. ID 6487142