

The Australian Women's Register

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Rowan, Marian Ellis

(1848 - 1922)

Born	30 July, 1848, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	4 October, 1922
Occupation	Botanical artist, Botanical collector

Summary

Ellis Rowan was a botanical artist who had no formal art training. She received encouragement from her family and husband, Frederick Charles Rowan, whom she married in 1873, to develop her own style in painting wildflowers. Her work was exhibited in both Australia and overseas for which she won a variety of art prizes.

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