

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Princess Ida Club

(1888 - 1915)

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<b>Born</b>	21 July, 1888
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<b>Died</b>	31 December, 1915
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<b>Occupation</b>	Women's club
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### Summary

The Princes Ida Club was established on 21 July 1888 and intended to “promote the common interests of, and to form a bond of union between the present and past women students” of the University of Melbourne. The women students' club took its name from Tennyson's ‘The Princess’ and their colours were lilac and daffodil. The activities of the Club included social functions, debates, and literary discussions. In 1915 the Club merged with the University Union Women's Representative Committee.

### Events

#### 1970 - 1970

Debate organised by the Princess Ida Club on women and the franchise held at the University of Melbourne.

### Published resources

#### Book

Degrees of liberation : a short history of women in the University of Melbourne, Kelly, Farley, 1985

Jessie Webb, a memoir, Ridley, Ronald T, 1994

#### Thesis

The 'Woman Question' in Melbourne, 1880-1914, Kelly, Farley, 1983

#### Resource Section

Admission of Women 1880, University of Melbourne Archives, 2003,  
<http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/archives/keys/web/061.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Journal Article

Medievalism and Sorority: The Princess Ida Club, Hickey, Helen, 2005

### Archival resources

#### The University of Melbourne Archives

[Melbourne University. Princess Ida Club](#)

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[Ridley, Ronald Thomas](#)

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