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# Australian Women's Guild of Empire

(1928 - 1940)

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| **Born** | 1 January, 1928 |
| **Died** | 31 December, 1940 |
| **Occupation** | Lobby group, Political organisation |

## Summary

The Australian Women's Guild of Empire was founded in 1928 by Adela Pankhurst Walsh. It was modelled on and affiliated with the London based Women's Guild of Empire.
The Guild initially raised money for working class women and children hit by the Depression. It also advocated the need for industrial cooperation, and Pankhurst frequently spoke out against strikes. It was a conservative, patriotic organisation which developed strong anti-communist sentiments.

## Details

Throughout its existence, the Guild adopted the following objectives:
1. To combat Communism and all forms of class government.
2. To establish industrial co-operation and peace.
3. to uphold the Christian ideals of life and safeguard the family.
4. To awaken the peoples to a sense of responsibility for the well-being of the community.
5. To deepen the realization of the value of British citizenship.
6. To assist in the development of Australia as a part of the British Empire.

## Published resources

**Newspaper**
The Empire Gazette, 1929-1940

**Book**
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**Pamphlet**
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The Australian Women's Guild of Empire, Castle, Josie, 1980

**Journal Article**
The Enthusiasms of Adela Pankhurst Walsh, Damousi, Joy, 1993

**Resource**
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