

The Australian Women's Register

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Tillyard, Pattie

(1880 - 1971)

Born	30 August, 1880, Borstal Kent England
Died	10 March, 1971, Canberra Australian Capital Territory Australia
Occupation	Community Leader, Teacher

Summary

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