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# Glencross, Eleanor

(1876 - 1950)

Born	11 November, 1876, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Died	2 May, 1950, Cremorne New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Feminist, Political candidate, Women's rights activist

## Summary

Eleanor Glencross was the second woman to stand for the Victorian Parliament. She unsuccessfully contested the seat of Brighton in 1928 as an Independent Nationalist. She had previously stood for the Federal seat of Henty in 1922 and in 1943 the seat of Martin. A former general secretary, chief speaker and organizer of the Australian Women's National League in 1920 Glencross became president of the Housewives' Association of Victoria. In 1923 she became president of the Federated Housewives Association of Australia. During World War II she was prominent in patriotic activities as a member of the State advisory committee of the Commonwealth prices commissioner, the council of the Lord Mayor's Patriotic and War Fund and of the executive of the Women's Voluntary National Register.

## Events

### **2017 - 2017**

Married grazier Andrew Glencross (d. 1930)

### **1920 - 1920**

President of the Housewives' Association of Victoria

### **1923 - 1923**

President of the Federated Housewives' Association of Australia

### **1918 - 1928**

Executive member of the National Council of Women of Victoria

### **1927 - 1928**

President of the National Council of Women of Victoria

### **1922 - 1922**

Encouraged the formation of the Victorian Women Citizens' Movement

### **1922 - 1922**

Stood as an Independent for the Federal seat of Henty

### **1938 - 1938**

Salaried chairwoman of directors of the Housewives' Association of New South Wales

### **1928 - 1928**

Stood as an Independent for the Victorian seat of Brighton

### **1943 - 1943**

Stood as an Independent for the Federal seat of Martin

### **1923 - 1923**

Served on the Victorian royal commission on the high cost of living

### **1927 - 1927**

One of the first female justices of the peace appointed in Victoria

### **1931 - 1931**

Joined the staff of the National Association of New South Wales

### **2028 - 2028**

Appointed to the Commonwealth Film Censorship Board

### **2028 - 2028**

Returned to Sydney

### **1928 - 1928**

Presided at the only Melbourne Women's Citizens' Function to entertain the Duchess of York

### **1928 - 1928**

One of three women members of the Council of British Empire Exhibition, Melbourne

### **1911 - 1912**

General secretary, chief speaker and organizer of the Australian Women's National League

### **1912 - 1913**

Worked for the People's Liberal Party

### **1913 - 1913**

Returned to Sydney

### **1913 - 1913**

Women's organizer for the Liberal Association of New South Wales

## Published resources

### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1944, Alexander, Joseph A, 1944

Double Time: Women in Victoria - 150 Years, Lake, Marilyn and Kelly, Farley, 1985

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

### Book

Liberal women : Federation to 1949, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2004

The Early years of the Housewives Association of Victoria, 1915-1930, Oldfield, Robert, 1989

### Resource Section

Glencross, Eleanor (1876 - 1950), Foley, Meredith, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A090026b.htm>

### Journal Article

A Mission to the Home: The Housewives Association, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Protestant Christianity, 1920-1940, Smart, Judith, 1998

### Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Minutes \[1904-1960\] \[microform\]](#)

[Papers of Herbert and Ivy Brookes, 1869-1970 \[manuscript\]](#)

### State Library of Victoria

[National Council of Women of Victoria](#)

### Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

[Women's Voluntary National Register. New South Wales Council minute book, 1939-1940](#)

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