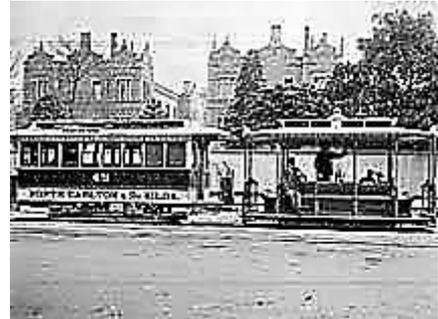


Patti Deakin, Reformer 1863-1934

I was 19 when I married Alfred Deakin who wrote me hundreds of love poems. My parents opposed the marriage. Obviously they didn't know Alfred was going to be Prime Minister one day! I worked for children's welfare, particularly establishing the kindergarten, crèche and playgrounds movements, and also to help servicemen in World War. I helped found the famous women's Lyceum Club in Little **Collins Street**. Alfred and I are buried side by side in St Kilda Cemetery.

**Isabelle Clapp, - A founder of Melbourne's trams**

My husband Francis and I started with Cobb and Co in the gold rush, then horse trams and horse omnibuses. Did you know there were 18,000 horses in Melbourne? We owned 1600 of them. In 1885 we ran the first tram or cable car in Bourke Street from the Donkey Wheel House at 673 Bourke. Next year we carried sixteen million passengers! Could you imagine Melbourne without trams for 130 years? And for 113 of those years, until 1997, there were 'connies' or 'trammies' collecting fares and punching tickets and shouting '*TICKETS PLEASE!!*'. Bring 'em back I say!

**Anastasia Hayes – Irish Eureka rebel (1818 - 1892)**

On October 1852, I arrived at the Ballarat Diggings. Ever tried to raise 6 children in a tent? I also taught 90 children in another tent at Bakery Hill. They say I was blue-eyed, red-haired, good looking, politically active with a fiery temper. They were right! When Peter Lalor was shot at Eureka, I helped to amputate his left arm and then threw it down a mineshaft. I sewed the giant Eureka flag with Anastasia Withers and Anne Duke as a symbol of the battle for people's rights. I wasn't alone - 5000 people protested for the miners at St Pauls Cathedral.

**Eliza Callaghan, Convict and City founder 1802-1852**

In 1820 I was caught using counterfeit money and was sentenced to Australia for 14 years. My jail report describes me simply as 'Bad'. Rubbish! I escaped into the bush in 1823 and met John Batman who hid me. Together we helped found the City of Melbourne. We had six daughters and one boy who tragically drowned in the Yarra. We built a house for our children where today **Young and Jacksons** pub stands opposite Flinders Street Station

**Betty Cuthbert, 'The Golden Girl' 1938- 2017**

I was only 18 when in 1956 I became the first athlete ever to win an Olympic Gold Medal at the Melbourne Games. Australia went crazy when I also blitzed a world record in the Women's' Relay. I also won medals at the next two Olympic Games. In fact I have the honour of being the only athlete **ever** to have won Olympic gold medals in every running event: 100, 200 and 400 metres. That picture is my bronze statue at the **MCG** near the Bill Woodfull Gate.



Marion Sargood, Pioneer 1838-1878

My husband and I were the owners of Ripponlea Mansion and also our great hardware store at **Ross House 251 Flinders Lane**. I died in 1878 on my 40th birthday while giving birth to our twelfth child Frederick. It was a risky business in those days. The National Trust has bought my home. Please visit my house, gardens and lake in Elsternwick that I was so passionate about.



Martha Baxter, Postmistress 1812 - 1906

I was the first postmistress of Melbourne and ran the first **Melbourne Post Office**. **St Kilda Road** was once called Baxters Track because it led to our cattle run at St Kilda. My husband Benjamin and I had nine children and founded the town of **Baxter** on the Mornington Peninsula. After a lifetime of hard work I lived to the age of 94. Not bad achievements, eh?



Mary Reiby, Convict, horse thief – face on \$20 note 1777-1855

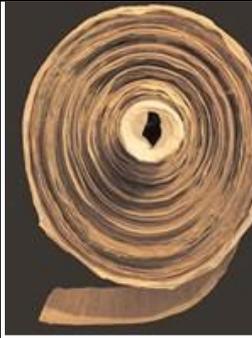
At age two, I was an orphan. At age 13 stole a horse and ran away disguised as a boy. Age 15 transported to Australia with a 7 year sentence. Age 17 married Thomas Reibey. Age 34 widow with 7 children. Ran whaling, property, shipping. Age 40 founded Bank of NSW, now Westpac in my cottage. Age 60 wealthy philanthropist. Age 78 deceased. Age 204 on the \$20 note. Not bad huh?



Constance Stone, first doctor 1856 – 1947

Despite great opposition I became the first woman doctor in Australia. In fact I inspired my sister, cousin and daughter all to become doctors after me and together we dispensed free treatment to the poor in La Trobe Street in Melbourne. We campaigned for every woman on Victoria to give us one shilling each and with the Shilling Fund we built Australia's first Women's Hospital! Go see my building – the Womens Centre at **210 Lonsdale Street**.





Petition is in



Vida Goldstein, Campaigner 1869-1949

I was a Suffragette for the Womens' movement and proud of it. In 1891 we went from door to door collecting signatures for the 'Monster Petition' demanding that women have the right to vote. We got 33,000 signatures. We ran the Peace Commune at RMIT's Storey Hall in **Swanston Street** and were very unpopular but a person without principles is nothing! Stand up and be counted! I became the first woman to stand for parliament in the British Empire. Finally in 1908 women in Victoria could vote. A sculpture of the Monster Spring Street.

Nellie Stewart, Actress (1858–1931)

My reviews described me as '*a beautiful woman with expressive eyes, a finely tilted mouth and dimpled smile, a talented, considerate and versatile actress*'. I was certainly a darling of the Australian public in many plays and films in the **Bourke Street** theatres. In 1911 I was one of the first performers ever to be filmed when I acted in the hit Australian film: *Sweet Nell of Old Drury*.



Dame Nellie Melba, Opera Singer (1861–1931)

I was a Prima Donna i.e an opera singer. My real name was Helen Porter Mitchell and I was the eldest of ten children. I called myself Melba because I loved Melbourne and Melbourne loved me! I became a world famous singer and. From 1904 I produced over one hundred records for the new invention of the gramophone. *Peach Melba* a dessert is named after me – go and eat one, they are definitely delicious! My funeral was at **Scots Church in Collins Street** which my father David Mitchell built and other Melbourne buildings.



'Madam Ghurka', Fortune Teller 1872-1953

name was Julia Glushkova but I called myself 'Madam I claimed I left Russia because I was an assassin and spy. Actually I was just a circus performer with my Zac. In Melbourne I was known as the 'Queen of Tellers' at the Eastern Market in **Bourke Street**. They fortune telling so I became a 'phrenologist' telling futures from the bumps on their heads



My Ghurka'. British husband Fortune banned people's

Margaret Dougan – '*the beautiful bilker and bejewelled bail-absconder*'.

I was an infamous 'bilker' or pickpocket in Melbourne 1909-1914 relieving rich men of their gold sovereigns in the lanes off Collins, Lt Collins, Elizabeth and Bourke Streets. The papers said I was glamorous, attractive, charming, beautifully dressed with expensive jewellery. But I changed those stylish dresses daily to confuse the police and the witnesses. I was rarely convicted but had to disappear from Melbourne when things got hot. Just in case I carried a nickel-plated pistol in my handbag as well as razor sharp hatpins. Don't mess with me!



Mary MacKillop, first Australian Saint 1842-1909

I was born in **Brunswick Street not far from the Parliament**. As the eldest daughter I looked after my brothers and sisters. Together with Father Julian Woods, I founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in order to run free schools for the poor around Australia including in **Little Lonsdale Street** in Melbourne. The church kicked me out at one point – I was too independent for them. They certainly thought I was no saint. In 2010 however the Pope declared me Australia's first Saint, so there!

**Mary Gilbert, first European Woman 1817-1878**

When I arrived on the schooner 'Enterprize' on the **Yarra River** on 30 August 1835, I was just 18, pregnant and the only European woman in Melbourne. A month later I gave birth to James, the first white child. My boss John Fawkner gave me Melbourne's first cat for company! The Lady Mayoress unveiled a statue of me in **Fitzroy Gardens** in 1975.

**Kate Kelly, public figure 1863 – 1898**

I was the sister of bushranger Ned Kelly. They wrote many newspaper articles, books, bush-songs and ballads about me as I was a skilled rider and played an important part in the Kelly saga. In 1880 I campaigned in Melbourne to save my brother Ned Kelly but Judge Redmond Barry hung him anyway as a bushranger. That night I held open audience with the public at Apollo Hall in **Bourke Street**. They criticised me because I charged people a shilling each but I just wanted to put our side of the case and pay for the hall.

**Trugernanner, Freedom Fighter 1812–1876**

When the settlers arrived in Tasmania, my family was massacred so I went to war against them. I survived and eventually came to Melbourne assisting the new Aboriginal Protector George Robinson. Here I joined a rebel band in 1840 again to fight against white occupation south of Melbourne but we were captured. I was tried at the Magistrates Court in **Russell Street**. They expelled me and my two women fellow fighters - Fanny and Matilda - back to Tasmania. I had a very adventurous life but I survived!

**Helen Garner, Writer, 1942 –**

I am an award-winning Australian novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter and journalist. I wrote my first and most famous book 'Monkey Grip' sitting under the Great Dome – the Reading Room at the **State Library 328 Swanston Street**. So many Australian writers have written books there in the Great Dome – it's an inspirational place!



Zelda D'Aprano, feminist and political activist, Jewish- Australian, 1928-2018

I left school at age 14, was married at 16 and worked in many industries where women were underpaid. In 1969 I chained myself across the doors of the Commonwealth building in Lonsdale Street in protest against unequal pay. I also helped to set up the Womens Liberation Centre in La Trobe Street. In 1972 the Government finally agreed to 'equal pay for equal work'. In 2000 I became Doctor of Laws at Macquarie University.



The Lady in Red Flinders

A sustainable society is an equal opportunity society. From March 2017 the City of Melbourne Committee is trialling walking women at ten traffic lights to discourage the *'unconscious gender bias'* against women. See me at the Flinders Street station and Bourke Street crossings. It only cost \$8,000! Gender equality is an essential part of fighting global warming as women are essential to agriculture, irrigation, population control and afforestation.



Val Eastwood 1910 - 1995, Café owner

Val Eastwood was already working as a model and dancer when, at 17, when she opened a café opposite the Town Hall. **Val's Café** was a haven for artists, dancers, actors, political activists, bodgies and widgies and students and gay women and men. By insisting that people who were outcasts of respectable society had a right to be themselves and to relax with others of their kind, she flew in the face of social norms. Today Val is an icon of the gay pride movement and Gender workshops are called Val's Cafés.



Julia Gillard, Welsh-born 27th Prime Minister of Australia (1961 -)

I migrated with my family to Australia in 1966 and graduated from Melbourne Uni in 1986 as a lawyer. I was elected the 27th Prime Minister of Australia when Kevin Rudd resigned. The 2010 federal election saw the first hung parliament since in fifty years so I was forced into minority government with bitter battles against many opponents. Perhaps some people didn't want a female PM in a common law marriage and without children, but I worked hard and got a lot of reforms done. My rant *'I will not be lectured on misogyny by this man'* is still popular on YouTube! On 26 June 2013, I lost the leadership of the Labor Party to Kevin Rudd.



Vanessa Kwiatkowski, Rooftop beekeeper. *Melbourne biodiversity strategy.

My husband Matt and I started City Rooftop Honey. We harvest over 50 hives including Federation Square. The honey is then sold in cafes below. Bees are essential for a sustainable city as we need bee pollination to grow food. I give Aussie bees a helping hand as they are under threat from diseases, harming them. Our bees love plane trees and the Botanic Garden. And I love bees!



Tully Boyle (15)

I was one of the leaders the Big School Strike on 30 November 2018. We came down from Castlemaine on the Bendigo train and were joined by 8000 primary and secondary school students. We need action on global warming. Just because we don't vote does not mean we have no say in our future like Swedish student Greta Thunberg (15),

**Clarice Beckett, Artist 1887-1935**

They say I was one of the greatest modernist artists in Australia yet no-one seemed that interested at the time. I had large annual exhibitions at the Athenaeum at **188 Collins Street** from 1924 until 1932 I loved Melbourne and painted lots of landscapes. Go see them in the National Gallery in St Kilda Road. I died after catching a cold while painting a storm. That's the way for an artist to go!



