

Meet the brave and passionate South Australian women - prominent characters and silent achievers - who helped shape society and culture from the beginning of colonisation.



1. West Terrace Cemetery
Main entrance
2. Madeleine Parker (1912-1936)
American ballerina
RD1S . Path 5 . Plot 17W
3. Augusta Zadow (1846-1896)
Trade unionist and inspector of factories
RD1N . Path 7 . Plot 62E

Look closer: Augusta Zadow's headstone was paid for by nearly 1000 threepenny subscriptions raised by the Trades and Labour Council.
4. Rosetta Jane Birks (1856-1911)
Christian women's leader
RD4 . Path 5 . Plot 19E

Look closer: Rosetta Birks capably managed the Women's Suffrage League's finances from 1888 until the vote was achieved in 1894.
5. Madame Josephine Piazza (ca.1911-1988)
Celebrity hairdresser
RD5 . Path 8 . Plot 15W

Look closer: Josephine Piazza developed her own personal care products using natural raw materials long before the trend became fashionable worldwide.
6. Madeline Rees George (1851-1931)
Headmistress and educational innovator
RD4 . Path 14 . Plot 17E

Look closer: Until 1898 most University of Adelaide female graduates were former students of the Advanced School for Girls.
7. Gertrude Ellen Mead (1867-1919)
Physician
RD3 . Path 14 . Plot 35W
8. Mary Colton (1822-1898)
Philanthropist and suffragist
RD3 . Path 16 . Plot 22E

Look closer: Along with Caroline Emily Clark (No. 12) and Catherine Helen Spence, Mary Colton supported the end of institutional care for children and the introduction of the Boarding Out System.
9. Matilda Jane Evans (1827-1886)
Noted pioneer novelist
RD4 . Path 33 . Plot 24E

Look Closer: Matilda Evans' two sons, Henry and William, were also writers. Henry was Chief of Staff at The Advertiser at age 24, and William collaborated with his mother on some of her works.

10. Barbara Hanrahan (1939-1991)
Visual artist and writer
RD5 . Path 28 . Plot 7W

Look Closer: West Terrace Cemetery featured strongly in Barbara Hanrahan's early life with many of her relatives buried there. She once described it as "the most poetic place I know in Adelaide". She is buried in the same plot as her grandmother.
11. Ethel Sarah Davidson (1872-1939)
Distinguished army nurse
LO . Path 1AN . Plot 16E
12. Caroline Emily Clark (1825-1911)
Philanthropist and reformer
Caroline Clark Memorial Garden
13. Dr Ruby Claudia Emily Davy (1883-1949)
Australia's first female doctor of music
Barker . Path 2 . Plot 17E
14. Constance Cecily McGrath (1906-1979)
Principal of the Women's Police
CAW . Path F . Plot 47

Look closer: Policing was Connie McGrath's second choice of career - she had originally hoped to become a musician. During the Depression she gave piano recitals to raise money for the unemployed.
15. Elizabeth Rose Hanretty (1881-1967)
Labor movement leader
CAO . A10 . Plot 64
16. Sisters of St Joseph
Smyth Memorial Chapel
17. Blanche McNamara (1858-1900)
First female inspector of schools
CAE . Path C . Plot 99

Look closer: Alice Hills, buried in the Quaker section (Path H . Plot 89) succeeded Blanche McNamara as female inspector of schools.
18. Julia (Bella) Guerin (1858-1923)
Socialist and feminist campaigner
CAE . Path F . Plot 67
19. Mary Thomas (1787-1875)
Pioneer colonist
RD1S . Path 20 . Plot 12W

Look closer: Mary Thomas was mother to five children and had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many South Australians can trace their ancestry to the Thomas family.