



Noteworthy people

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

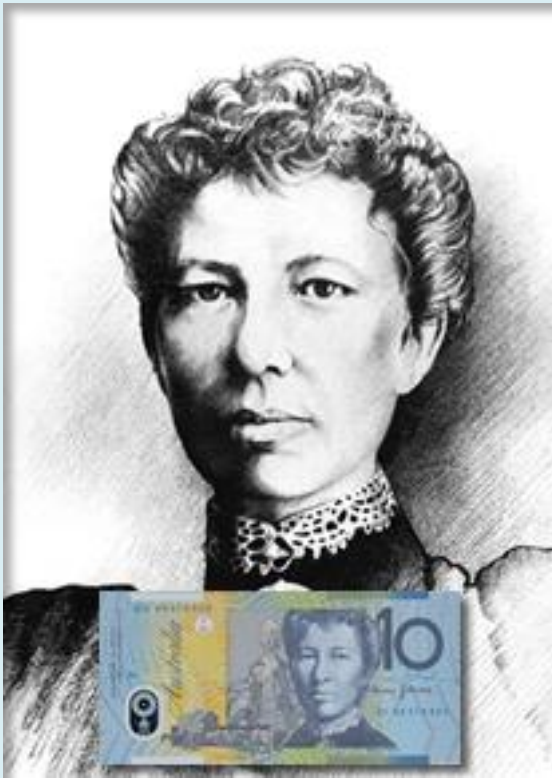


Queen Elizabeth was born in London. King George VI was her father.

She was crowned Queen in 1952. She is leader of the Commonwealth, which includes Australia.

She is also the Queen of Canada and New Zealand.

Dame Mary Gilmore 1865–1962



Mary grew up in New South Wales.

She fought for the right for women to vote in elections and the rights of Aboriginal people.

She published books of poetry and was made a Dame.

Andrew Barton 'Banjo' Paterson 1854–1941



Banjo grew up in New South Wales.

He worked as a lawyer before becoming a popular Australian journalist and poet.

He wrote *Waltzing Matilda* and *The Man from Snowy River*.

Mary Reibey 1777–1855



Mary was sent from England to Australia as a convict when she was 14 because she stole a horse.

Mary was a successful businesswoman. She owned farms, shops and flats in Sydney and a shipping business. Mary also did charity work and was interested in the church and education.

Reverend John Flynn 1880–1951



John grew up in Victoria. He trained as a church minister and worked for the Australian Inland Mission. The mission helped people in the Australian outback get health care.

He helped set up the world's first flying medical service. It is now called the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Edith Cowan 1861–1932

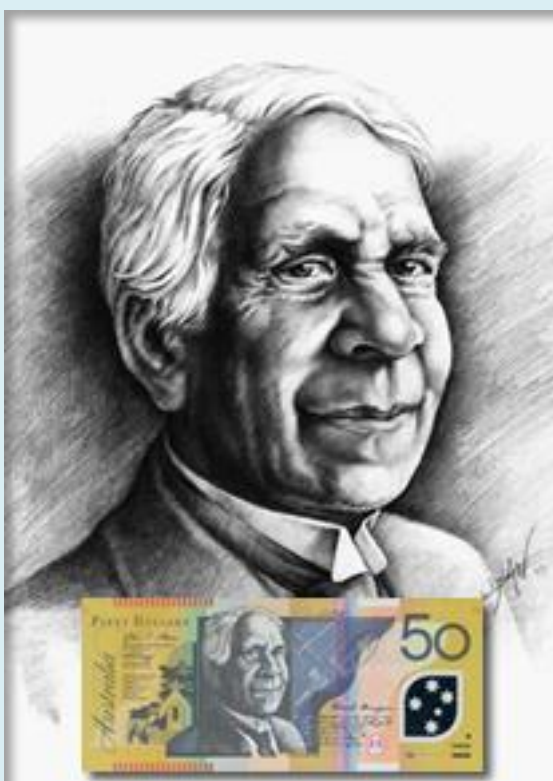


Edith grew up in Western Australia.

She fought for equal rights for men and women. She was the first Australian woman elected to parliament.

A university has been named after her.

David Unaipon 1872–1967



David grew up in South Australia. He was a Ngarrindjeri man.

He was a public speaker and called for equal rights for Aboriginal people.

He was an inventor and a writer. His writing can be seen on the \$50 banknote.

Dame Nellie Melba 1861–1931



Nellie was born in Melbourne and was a famous opera singer. She gave concerts around the world and made many recordings.

Her real name was Helen Porter but she used the stage name 'Melba' based on the city of Melbourne. She was made a Dame for her work raising money for charity in World War I.

Sir John Monash 1865–1931



John grew up in Melbourne. He was a soldier in the army during World War I, including at Gallipoli.

He helped other soldiers in the army when they came back after fighting in the war.

He received a knighthood. A university is named after him.