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Clementine Ford's history of significant Australian women

The Presentation

Australia is a land built on the mythology of mateship, Diggers, the ANZAC legend and the Eureka Stockade. But so much of Australia's history is told through a lens of male achievement, with many of the women being left out or reduced to bit players. This is at odds with the reality of Australian history, from long before the Endeavour sailed into the shores of what would become known as Sydney, through to the achievements of the suffragette movement, the women who participated in the war effort as nurses and conscientious objectors and the rise of the second wave feminist movement in the 1970s.

Clementine Ford is a feminist writer and social commentator who is both fascinated by the accomplishments of women throughout history, and dejected by their continual erasure from it. In this session, she will detail some of Australia's fiercest broads, dames and political activists, from Barangaroo to Mary Lee, Anne Summers to Germaine Greer, from warring gang lords Tilly Devine and Kate Leigh to political opponents like Julie Bishop and Julia Gillard. The history of Australia's women is far from dull - it's about time more of us heard about it.

The Presenter

Clementine Ford is a writer, public speaker and feminist based in Melbourne. She has appeared at TEDx, Q & A, Women of Letters, the Melbourne Writers Festival, the Brisbane Writers Festival, the National Young Writers Festival, ACMI, the Melbourne Museum and at numerous schools. She writes a twice weekly column for Daily Life, where she focuses on pop culture and feminism. Clementine is passionate about empowering young women and challenging social stereotypes which target them.

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