

The 'outback spirit' of Pentecostal women pioneers in Australia

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Sarah Jane Lancaster (1858-1934)

- Founded Good News Hall
- “For the Holy Spirit makes the bodies of women His temple, as well as those of men...the pride of man forbids his acceptance of the grace of God toward those women upon whom He has poured His Spirit, thus making men and women one in Christ.”

Mary (Wong Yen) Yeung (1888-1971)

- “In the year 1923 a revival came to Australia, my husband and I both received the wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost ... I was under the power trembling all night ... A personal baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. I was in the presence of God, I meet Jesus face to face.”



Evelyn Westbrook (1927-)







Marie Smith (1915-1971)

- First Australian AG missionary to Japan
- Preached to crowds of 800
- Itinerant evangelist

Desley Barba (1942-)

- Began preaching at 14 years old
- Pioneered churches in Ayr, Thursday Island, Mount Isa, Darwin, and Innisfail, as well as ministering in smaller Indigenous communities.
- “I didn’t mind my [lack of] credentials. I just did it, hey. And that’s what a lot of our people have done ... they’ve just ministered without that recognition of a piece of paper.”



Marie Cartledge (1941-)



- Church planter
- national AG coordinator for women's ministries
- head of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries in Australia
- 1994 – launched an Associate Diploma in Women's Ministry at Commonwealth Bible College



Margaret Court (1942-)

- 1995 – pioneered Victory Life Centre in Perth
- President of Victory Life International Bible Training Centre



Bobbie Houston (1957-)

- Co-founder of Hillsong Church
– 150,000 attendees at campuses in 30 countries across six continents
- 1997 – pioneered Colour Conference
- Shine programs
- A21 – Christine Caine



Darlene Zschech (1965-)

- Worship leader at Hillsong Church
- Senior pastor of Hope Unlimited Church
- Shout to the Lord sung by around 30 million people every Sunday



Julie Blinco







Emma Austin



Amy Damant





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