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## Community Talk



Emily Crawford



Householders' League Poster, SROWA.

# A utopian suffragist settlement at Denmark: Emily Crawford's plan, 1906 - 1911

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A Department of Lands and Surveys file held at WA's State Records Office brings to light a little-known early 20th century vision for Denmark, WA. From 1906 to 1911, a group of British suffragists, led by Emily Crawford, attempted to claim free land to establish a farming community for female emigrants. The group was drawn to WA as women here had voting rights that they were denied in Britain at the time. Emily Crawford attempted to establish her settlement at Denmark and petitioned the government to change the name of the town to 'Emilliah' - presumably after herself. However, Emilliah never eventuated and the story was forgotten.



**Miriam Crandell** researched Emily Crawford's plan for her History Honours thesis at UWA in 2016. Finding it to be clearly of public interest but barely known, she has since been working to bring light to the story through public talks and a journal article in *Studies in Western Australian History*, vol.33, 2020. Following various roles with museums, Miriam currently works in the field of heritage places.

### Wednesday 2 August, 10 for 10.30am

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