

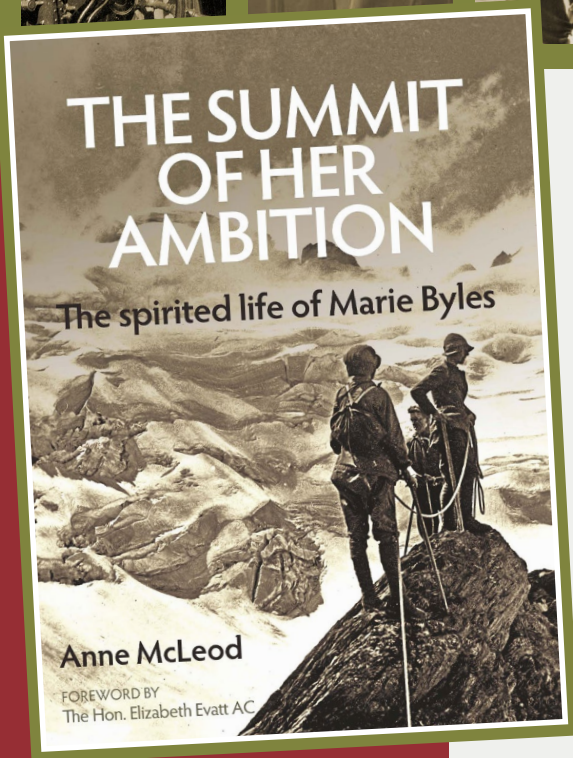
Book launch and author talk by ANNE McLEOD

THE SUMMIT OF HER AMBITION

THE SPIRITED LIFE OF MARIE BYLES



First woman lawyer of NSW, feminist activist with Jessie Street, environmentalist, mountaineer, early Western Buddhist.



Marie Byles triumphed over the chauvinistic legal profession and a society that viewed women as second-class by establishing a successful legal practice.

A devoted bushwalker and conservationist, Marie was a zealous advocate for wilderness and helped reserve vast tracts of land for national parks.

An avid explorer-mountaineer, Marie climbed Mt Cook and mapped previously unexplored areas of New Zealand's Southern Alps. Her failure to achieve the summit of a mountain in Yunnan Province in 1938 became the catalyst for a journey into realms not found on a map.

Marie Byles' life story has powerful narratives about human rights, conservation, ecology, feminism and spirituality.

As heard on ABC Radio National's **THE SPIRIT OF THINGS & THE LAW REPORT**

Anne McLeod's presentation will be illustrated by Marie's own photographs of her adventurous life and travels around the world.

