

The Australian Women's Register

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Worsley, Maureen Gertrude Theresa

(1937 - 2001)

Born	1 September, 1937, Burton-on-Trent England
Died	16 September, 2001, Canberra Australian Capital Territory Australia
Occupation	Parliamentarian

Summary

Originally a member of the Australia Party, Maureen Worsley was one of the first women to be elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory in September 1974. She resigned from the party in 1977 and intended to stand as an Independent in the 1977 election, but her marriage breakdown meant she had to find full-time work. As a result she did not contest the 1979 election but was an Independent candidate for the electorate of Canberra in the 1982 election for the House of Assembly. She died of emphysema in 2001.

Published resources

Book

No ordinary lives: pioneering women in Australian politics, Jenkins, Cathy, 2008

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

From Lady Denman to Katy Gallagher: A Century of Women's Contributions to Canberra, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2013,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/ldkg>

Archival resources

ACT Heritage Library

[Beryl Henderson, Maureen Worsley and Liz Goldring at the Women's Embassy at Parliament House protesting against abortion laws](#)

National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Maureen Worsley, politician, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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