

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0692

## Oldfield, Christobel

(1960 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1960, Millicent South Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Community advocate, Psychologist

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### Summary

Christobel Oldfield, née McInnes, was born at Millicent, South Australia and grew up on a farm west of Lucindale. She began her education by correspondence and then attended local schools before finishing at Scotch College in Adelaide. She married in 1977 and had two daughters. Chris did further studies part-time and in 1985 breached the male bastion of the Greenways branch of the United Farmers and Stockowners to gain insight into issues she was studying in Psychology. She became politically conscious as a child when her parents were involved in a legal dispute over drainage rates, but assisting in her mother's Lucindale shop gave Chris a wider understanding of the impact on families of the rural crisis. In July 1993 Chris and five other women formed Rural Women for Justice to educate outsiders and set up legal aid and mediation services.

Christobel was a 1994 nominee from South Australia for ABC Rural Woman of the Year

### Events

**1994 - 1994**

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Resource Section

1994 ABC Rural Woman of the Year Regional Winners, ABC Radio, 1997,  
<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/rwoty/previous94.htm#reg>

#### Site Exhibition

Brilliant Ideas and Huge Visions: ABC Radio Australian Rural Women of the Year - 1994-1997, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2011,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/rwya/rwya-home.html>

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Christobel Oldfield \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Adair Dunsford

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