

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1001

## Maddigan, Judith (Judy) Marilyn

(1948 - )

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**Born** 3 February, 1948, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Librarian, Parliamentarian

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### Summary

On 25 February 2003 Judy Maddigan was elected the 32nd person, and first female, to hold the office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria. She held this position until December 2006. The daughter of William Joseph and Bessie Irene (née Hurley) Todd, Judy was educated at Tintern Church of England Girls' Grammar School before entering the University of Melbourne. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Graduate Diploma of Librarianship and a Masters of Librarianship and Information Services (Conservation and Archives). Prior to entering Parliament, Maddigan worked for the Commonwealth Public Service, was a Branch Services Librarian with the City of Maribyrnong and a Councillor with the City of Essendon. During this time she received the State 'Clean Air Award' by leading the campaign to ban incinerators in the City. Maddigan has a long history of involvement in local community groups including Women's Organisations, the Essendon Historical Society and the Friends of Essendon Library. During the 1990s she was involved with the 'Defend Public Libraries' campaign which was organised to protect public libraries from the effects of compulsory competitive tendering and amalgamations. An unsuccessful candidate for the Australian Labor Party at the 1992 state election, Maddigan was elected as a Member of Victorian Parliament to represent the Electoral District of Essendon in the Legislative Assembly in March 1996 and was re-elected in 1999, 2002 and 2006. She retired at the November 2010 election.

## Events

### **2001 - 2001**

Chairperson of the Portrayal of Women in Outdoor Advertising Committee

### **1985 - 1991**

Councillor with the City of Essendon

### **1996 - 1999**

Member of the Parliamentary Environment and Natural Resources Committee

### **1999 - 2003**

Member of the Parliamentary Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

### **1999 - 1999**

Member of the Parliamentary Standing Orders Committee

### **2002 - 2002**

Chairperson of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Libraries

### **2001 - 2001**

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### **2003 - 2003**

Elected first female Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Victoria)

### **1996 -**

Elected Member Legislative Assembly (ALP) for Essendon, Victoria

### **1999 - 2003**

Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees for the Legislative Assembly

### **1999 - 1999**

Opposition Parliamentary Secretary for Planning

### **1990 - 1995**

Branch Services Librarian with the City of Maribyrnong

### **1987 - 1989**

Librarian with the Catholic Regional College Sydenham

### **1983 - 1986**

Librarian with Moonee Valley Regional Library

### **1970 - 1976**

Employed with the Commonwealth Public Service

### **1996 - 1999**

Opposition Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts

### **1996 - 1999**

Member of the Parliamentary Library Committee

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

### **Book**

The Depression in Essendon, Maddigan, Judy, 1995

The Essendon River League and the Maribyrnong River, Maddigan, Judy, c1995

A hospital for Essendon, Maddigan, Judy, [c1995]

Maribyrnong record : past images of the river, Maddigan, Judy and Frost, Lenore, c1995

The Moonee Ponds Courthouse, Maddigan, Judy, 1995

Queen's Park, Moonee Ponds, Maddigan, Judy, 1995

### **Newspaper Article**

Questions for Judy Maddigan

### **Resource**

Victorian Women's Roll of Honour: Women Shaping the Nation, 2001,  
<https://herplacemuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2001-Honour-Roll-Booklet.pdf>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### **Site Exhibition**

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

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