

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Patrick, Jeannette Tweeddale

(1929 - 2011)

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<b>Born</b>	2 November, 1929, Brighton Victoria Australia
<b>Died</b>	24 May, 2011, Brighton Victoria Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Lawyer, Local government councillor, Parliamentarian, Solicitor

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### Summary

A member of the Liberal Party of Australia, Jeannette Patrick served as the member for Brighton in the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament from 1976-85. She held the position of secretary of the Parliamentary Liberal Party from 1979-82.

### Details

Daughter of Robert Tweeddale Breen, solicitor and Marie Freda Chamberlin, who served as a Victorian Liberal Senator in the Australian Parliament from 1962-68, she completed her secondary education at Firbank Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Brighton and her tertiary education at the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Laws in 1967. She worked as a solicitor in the family firm, R. T. Breen & Co. from 1967 and served as a Brighton City Councillor from 1973-76 before being elected to the Victorian Parliament in the same year.

On 25 October 1949 she married Vernon Ronald Patrick, law clerk. They had a son and a daughter.

Her community commitments included : member of the Consumer Affairs Council 1974-75, member of Brighton Technical School Council 1976-83, member of Firbank Council and Brighton Community Hospital committee of management 1976-80; member of the University of Melbourne Council 1979-83, Gardenvale Central School Council 1982-83; honorary solicitor to local organisations and a member of St Peter's Anglican Church, Brighton.

### Published resources

#### Book

Biographical register of the Victorian Parliament, Browne, Geoff, 1985

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1983, Draper, W. J., 1983

#### Site Exhibition

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

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,

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

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Newspaper Article

Leader in push for equal opportunity, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2011

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