

The Australian Women's Register

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Morcom, Elfrida Margaret

(1911 - 2004)

Nationality Australian

Born 1 January, 1911

Died 1 July, 2004, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Occupation Community advocate, Office worker, Political candidate, Trade unionist

Summary

Described by her son, Simon Morcom, as a “Lifelong fighter for peace and justice, tempered with an off-key sense of humour. A mentor and an inspiration,” Elfrida Morcom was a Communist Party of Australia candidate for Collaroy in 1956 and 1965 and candidate for the Warringah Shire Council in 1965.

Details

At the time of her campaign, Elfrida Morcom had lived in the French's Forest area for 15 years and was widely known for her advocacy of the needs of the district. She was an active trade unionist, and a member of the Railway for Warringah Committee and the local Progress Association.

Published resources

Site Exhibition

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html>

Resource

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