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Barkl, Blanche

(- 2001)

Died 11 August, 2001, Dalmeny New South Wales Australia

Occupation Political candidate

Summary

A once-only candidate for State Parliament (Liberal Party candidate for Bankstown in 1950), Blanche Barkl instead became a successful local councillor. She was Alderman for the Bankstown Municipal Council from 1948-54 and 1959-62, and was Bankstown Mayor from 1951-53.

Details

Blanche Barkl was the first woman elected to Bankstown Municipal Council (1948), and the first woman elected Deputy Mayor (1949) and Mayor (1951-53). She also served as Divisional Commissioner, Girl Guides Sir Joseph Banks Division. She and her husband, Jim, had two daughters.

Published resources

Book

Women in Australian Parliaments and Local Governments, Past and Present : A Survey, Smith, A. Viola, 1975

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

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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