

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Dodkin, Marilyn

(1937 - 2024)

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<b>Born</b>	17 July, 1937, Cardiff Wales United Kingdom
<b>Died</b>	8 June, 2024, Sydney New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Historian

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### Summary

Marilyn Dodkin was an Australian Labor Party activist and historian who contested the New South Wales Legislative Assembly elections for Middle Harbour in 1988.

### Details

Marilyn Dodkin joined the ALP in 1976, and held office at local and electorate level. She was a delegate to Annual Conference many times and in 1986 was a proxy delegate to the National Conference.

Marilyn completed a Bacheloir of Arts at the University of New England, a Master of Arts at the University of Sydney and a PhD at Macquarie University. She worked as Research Officer for Gary Punch MP 1983, and in 1984 became the Administration Officer of the Australian Workers Union. She served on the North Sydney Technical and Further Education Committee and was a founding member of the Status of Women Committee which encouraged women to participate in politics.

Marilyn married in 1961 and had two daughters. She is the author of *Brothers: eight leaders of the Labor Council of NSW* (UNSW Press, 2001), *Bob Carr, the reluctant leader* (UNSW Press, 2003) and *Goodnight Bobby: one family's war* (UNSW Press, 2006).

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### 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>

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