

The Australian Women's Register

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Duncan, Ruby Mildred

(1882 - 1981)

Born 3 March, 1882

Died 4 February, 1981, Armidale New South Wales Australia

Occupation Office worker

Summary

Ruby Duncan was a social and political campaigner, particularly for women and children. She stood as an Independent candidate in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Drummoyne in 1932.

Details

Ruby Duncan worked as a typist in an importer's office. She campaigned, with Millicent Preston Stanley, for change in the law to give mothers equal guardianship of children. She was very involved with Housewives' Progressive Association during period that membership grew from hundreds to 80,000. She also worked for alleviation of Depression distress among unemployed women, and on a scheme for placing women on small land holdings in buses with kitchenettes and verandahs for homes.

She was the first President, and a life Vice President, of the League of Women Voters, which organization marked her 90th birthday with a reception in her honour. She died in Armidale, aged 98.

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

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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