

The Australian Women's Register

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Ewers, Florence

(- 1937)

Died 31 December, 1937

Occupation Feminist, Orchardist

Summary

Florence Ewers was a party stalwart and committed feminist who was an ALP candidate for the following elections: New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Cumberland in 1925; New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Hawkesbury in 1927; Sutherland Shire Council in 1928 and 1929.

Details

Florence Ewers moved to live in the Sutherland Shire c. 1909, and was active in the local Labor Party branch and a member of the Labor Women's Central Organising Committee.

She was not easily intimidated, and proceeded in the Kogarah Police Court, against Hannah Brady for using insulting words to her, outside a Labor League meeting. The action was dismissed and Mrs Ewers had to pay the court costs.

In her campaign for Sutherland Shire Council in 1928, Florence Ewers made no secret of her feminism, stating she believed in feminine representation on any public body, especially in councils and in Parliament. She advocated the expediting of Woronora Dam and the electrification of the railway to Cronulla. She was a member of a deputation to the Railway Commissioner in 1930 on the subject of the extension of the railway line to Cronulla.

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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