

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Jobling, Doris May

(1938 - 2006)

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| <b>Nationality</b> | Australian               |
| <b>Born</b>        | 1 January, 1938          |
| <b>Died</b>        | 12 September, 2006       |
| <b>Occupation</b>  | Teacher, Union organiser |

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### Summary

Doris Jobling was a radical union organiser, who spent many decades on the front line of political campaigns, particularly in the area of education. She was a Communist Party of Australia candidate in the 1971 King elections for the New South Wales Legislative Assembly.

### Details

Doris Jobling joined the Communist Party of Australia in 1968, galvanised by the inequality suffered particularly by migrant children. She was active in the campaign to prevent the eviction of old men from the Rosebank Old Men's Home in Glebe and stressed the disadvantages of the old schools in the electorate.

Although she only ran for election once, Doris Jobling continued to be involved in campaigns in support of public education. When she retired from the position of organiser for the Teachers' Federation, she returned to teaching.

She married Joe Owens, one time official of the Builders' Labourers' Federation, and they had two sons. Doris was killed by her son Adam in September 2006.

### Published resources

#### Television Program

In Cold Blood, Australian Story, 2009,  
<http://www.abc.net.au/austory/content/2007/s2605656.htm>

#### 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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