

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Manuel, Jean Maree

(1922 - 2001)

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<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
<b>Born</b>	12 January, 1922, Carlton New South Wales Australia
<b>Died</b>	5 March, 2001, New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Activist, Teacher, Volunteer

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### Summary

Jean Manuel was a dedicated local activist in southern Sydney, with a wide range of voluntary and community interests. She was a Councillor on the Sutherland Shire council from 1965-80, including stints as the Deputy Shire President from 1968-71 and 1977-78 and Shire President from 1978-79. Jean was less successful in state politics, having been an unsuccessful Independent candidate in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly elections for Woronora in 1973 and for Sutherland in 1988.

### Details

Educated Belmore North PS, NSW, St Joseph's School, Belmore NSW, Burwood HS NSW

Married Kenneth Manuel, 1946, two daughters and one son.

Voluntary Red Cross worker, 1939-45, 1945-47.

Infants teacher, St Joseph's School Oyster Bay 1955-63.

First woman councillor, deputy shire president and shire president in her long career with Sutherland Shire 1965-80.

Australian Local Government Women's Association office holder, records officer and historian, life member from 1970.

MBE 1977.

Patron of many organizations in Sutherland Shire, including Amelie House Women's Refuge 1978-80.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

#### 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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