

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Chadwick, Virginia Anne

(1944 - 2009)

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**Born** 19 December, 1944, Newcastle New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 18 September, 2009, Toronto New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Businesswoman, Parliamentarian, Teacher

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### Summary

Virginia Chadwick is a member of the Liberal Party. She was a member of the directly elected Legislative Council. Dates of Election 7 October 1978 and 19 March 1988.

Parliamentary career highlights

Minister for Family and Community Services, 1988-1990

Minister for School Education and Youth Affairs, 1990-1992

Minister for Education and Youth Affairs and Minister for Employment and Training, 1992-93

Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Minister for Tourism and Minister Assisting the Premier, 1993-1995

Opposition Whip, 1984-1988

Virginia Chadwick was the President of the Legislative Council 1998-1999. She was the first woman Opposition Whip and woman to gain ministerial appointment in a Liberal Government.

Granted retention of title of "Honourable" for life.

### 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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