

# The Australian Women's Register

---

**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2170

## Looveer, Lia

(1920 - 2006)

---

**Born** 1 January, 1920, Estonia

---

**Died** 31 December, 2006, Australia

---

**Occupation** Migrant community advocate, Office Manager

---

### Summary

Born in Estonia in 1920, Lia Looveer came to Australia with her husband and daughter in 1949, settling in Sydney in 1952. She was an active member of the Estonian community in Sydney and was office manager for the Estonian weekly newspaper *Meie Rodo*, between 1956-1966. She was Secretary of the Captive Nations Council of New South Wales and Secretary General of the United Council of Migrants from Communist Dominated Europe in Australia in 1968.

Looveer joined the Liberal Party of Australia, New South Wales division, in 1955, and was a member of its Migrant Advisory Committee and of the federal Liberal Party's Advisory Committee on Ethnic Affairs, 1976-1981, as well as a member of the State Council over the same period. She is a foundation member of the Ethnic Communities' Council of N.S.W. Looveer was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1978 and received a Heritage Award from the Liberal Party of Australia, N.S.W. Division, in 2002.

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### Estonian Archives in Australia (EAA)

[Estonian Archives in Australia](#)

#### Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

[Captive Nations Council of New South Wales - records, 1953-1998, together with the records of the United Council of Migrants from Communist Dominated Europe in Australia, 1953-1966](#)

[Joint Baltic Committee - records, 1952-2000](#)

### Author Details

Nikki Henningham

**Created** 4 September 2006

**Last modified** 25 September 2015