

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE3984

## Cooper, Jessie Mary

(1914 - 1993)

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**Born** 1 January, 1914

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**Died** 31 December, 1993

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian

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### Summary

A member of the Liberal and Country League, Jessie Cooper was the first woman to be elected to the Parliament of South Australia in the Legislative Council in 1959 and served until her retirement in 1979.

### Published resources

#### Book

No ordinary lives: pioneering women in Australian politics, Jenkins, Cathy, 2008

Liberal women : Federation to 1949, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2004

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Liberal Party, S.A. Division : SUMMARY RECORD](#)

#### National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Jessie Cooper interviewed by Amy McGrath \[sound recording\]](#)

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Jessie Cooper, Liberal MLC in SA, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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