

The Australian Women's Register

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Reville, Patricia

(1942 -)

Born 1 January, 1942, Broken Hill New South Wales Australia

Occupation Secretary, Unionist

Summary

Pat Reville was Electorate Secretary in Broken Hill for the former New South Wales State Member of Parliament, Bill Beckroge, and later served as secretary for the Mayor of Broken Hill.

Details

Pat Reville was born and bred in Broken Hill, New South Wales. Her great-grandfather had worked on the mines there until his death in 1898. Her father was part of the Big Strike of 1918-1920 and was black-balled from the Line of Lode.

Pat was educated by the Sisters of Mercy at St Peter and Paul Primary School, St John's, and finally St Joseph's for secondary school. Never academically inclined, she left after third form and attended technical college for two years. She married Graham Reville.

For twenty years, Pat worked at Broken Hill's local cinemas: the Century, the Metropole and the Silver City Theatre. In the 1980s, she was offered the position of Electorate Secretary for the then New South Wales State Member of Parliament, Bill Beckroge. Learning computer skills from scratch, she retained her position with Beckroge for two and a half years before he retired from office. In April 2001, Pat took up the position of secretary for the Mayor of Broken Hill. She has also served as treasurer of the local branch of the Australian Labor Party. Pat has been a union member throughout her life, from the Shop Assistants Union to the Theatrical Union, the Public Servants' Association (Sydney), and the Town Employees Union of Broken Hill.

Published resources

Site Exhibition

Unbroken Spirit: Women in Broken Hill, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2009,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/bh/bh-home.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

Private Hands (these records may not be readily available)

[Interview with Patricia Reville, Broken Hill](#)

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