

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE4006

Southcott, Heather

(1928 - 2014)

Born	1 January, 1928, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Died	31 December, 2014, Adelaide South Australia Adelaide
Occupation	Parliamentarian

Summary

A member of the Australian Democrats, Heather Southcott was the first female member of that party to be elected to the South Australian Parliament. She was elected as Member for the district of Mitcham in the House of Assembly at the by-election, which was held in early 1982. Unfortunately she was defeated later in the year at the general election, which was held in November.

Heather Southcott passed away in November, 2014. For more information about her important life, please see her entry in The Encyclopedia Women and Leadership in Twentieth Century Australia that is linked to this page.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

Article

Vale Heather Southcott AM: First woman to lead a political party in Australia, 2104,
<http://australian-democrats.org.au/vale-heather-southcott-am-first-woman-to-lead-a-political-party-in-australia.php#.Vl4w3BD4Kp>

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

[Women in Politics: A Forum in the Centenary Year of Women's Suffrage \[sound recording\]](#)

Author Details

Rosemary Francis

Created 20 January 2009
Last modified 15 December 2014