

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4416

## Langton, Marcia Lynne

(1951 - )

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 31 October, 1951, Brisbane Queensland Australia

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**Occupation** Academic, Activist

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### Summary

A member of the Aboriginal Bidjara Nation, Marcia Langton is an authority on social issues concerning Aboriginal people. She holds the Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies in the Centre for Health and Society at the University of Melbourne. During the 1970s she was active in the Women's Liberation movement, drawing attention to the oppression of black women. She continued to work for Aboriginal causes and became a key participant in the Wik Land rights negotiations which were conducted during the late 1990s. She has appeared in film and television portraying strong Aboriginal characters. In 1993 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia 'for service as an anthropologist and advocate of Aboriginal issues'. In 2001 she was admitted as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Edited Book

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

#### Site Exhibition

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

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia

[Biographical cuttings on Marcia Langton, academic, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

#### National Film and Sound Archive

Night Cries : A Rural Tragedy

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