

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4429

## Scutt, Jocelynn Annette

(1947 - )

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 1 January, 1947, Perth Western Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Academic, Activist, Barrister, Lawyer, Writer

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### Summary

Jocelynn Scutt has worked consistently in her capacity as lawyer, activist and writer to improve the lives of women generally and by changing the laws on rape and domestic violence. She founded the feminist publisher, Artemis and was a member of the Women's Electoral Lobby in both Canberra and Sydney.

A graduate in law from the University of Western Australia in 1969, Scutt undertook postgraduate studies in law at the University of Sydney, Southern Methodist University and the University of Michigan in the United States, and Cambridge University in England. She has worked with the Australian Institute of Criminology and as director of research with the Legal and Constitutional Committee of the parliament of Victoria. From 1981-82 she worked at the Sydney Bar and then was Deputy Chairperson of the Law Reform Commission, Victoria. In 1986 she returned to private practice in Melbourne. She served as the first Anti-Discrimination Commissioner of Tasmania from 1999-2004. In 2007 she accepted a judicial post on the Fiji High Court.

Scutt is a member of the UN Committee Against Trafficking, a International Alliance of Women (IAW) representative on International Criminal Court Coalition (ICC Coalition) and a board member of the Women's History Network in the United Kingdom. She was called to the English Bar in 2014.

Jocelynn Scutt was interviewed by Nikki Henningham for the Trailblazing Women and the Law Oral History Project. For details of the interview see the National Library of Australia [CATALOGUE RECORD](#).

### Details

An essay detailing Jocelynn Scutt's career is in development.

### 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

As a woman: writing women's lives, Scutt, Jocelyne A., 1992

Glorious Age: growing older gloriously, Scutt, Jocelyne A., 1993

Different Lives, Scutt, Jocelyne A., 1987

Women's Voices, Women's Lives, Scutt, Jocelyne A.

Living generously: women mentoring women, Scutt, Jocelyne A., 1996

### Book

Breaking Through: Women, Work and Careers, Scutt, Jocelyne, 1992

### Conference Proceedings

Rape Law Reform, Scutt, Jocelyne A., 1980

### Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

## Archival resources

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

[Jocelyne Scutt interviewed by Nikki Henningham in the Trailblazing women and the law oral history project](#)

### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Jocelyne Scutt, 1982-2010 \[manuscript\]](#)

### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Jocelyne Scutt, lawyer, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

### Author Details

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