

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Burke, Shirley Olga

(1921 - 1975)

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 21 May, 1921, Warragul Victoria Australia

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**Died** 1 March, 1975, Parkdale? Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Barrister, Lawyer, Local government councillor, Mayor, Solicitor

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### Summary

Shirley Burke was elected to the Mordialloc City Council in 1958, representing the Ward of Parkdale. She served as its mayor from 1961-62 and resigned from Council in 1964. The Shirley Burke Theatre in Parkdale is named in her honour.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

Women in Australian Parliaments and Local Governments, Past and Present : A Survey, Smith, A. Viola, 1975

#### Resource Section

Shirley Olga Burke: Solicitor and Councillor, 2006,  
<http://localhistory.kingston.vic.gov.au/htm/article/345.htm>

#### Site Exhibition

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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