

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Fitzpatrick, Lisa

(1961 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1961

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**Occupation** Nurse, Trade unionist

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### Summary

In 2012 Lisa Fitzpatrick was Secretary of the Australian Nursing Federation (Victoria Branch) (ANF (Vic)), a position she has held since 2001. Her tenure has been characterised by stability within the Branch, and the increasing strength of the union as both an industrial and a professional body.

In 2012, under leadership, as well as forcing bed closures and cancellations of surgery, ANF (Vic) members withdrew their labour in rolling stoppages. Nurses voted to ignore Fair Work Australia's order to suspend their action, risking individual fines. This action was effective and popular with nurses. The Victorian state government was forced to increase wages and also retain, and in some circumstances improve, nurse-to-patient ratios.

A more comprehensive entry for Fitzpatrick will appear later in 2013 when the *Encyclopedia of Australian Women and Leadership in the Twentieth Century* goes online.

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

A 'Blueprint' for Union Organising: Multiplying the membership in the Australian Nursing Federation (Victorian Branch) 1989-2012, Tierney, James and Cregan, Christina, 2013,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/anfv>

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

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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## Digital resources



**Title:** Lisa Fitzpatrick at final meeting of Respect our Work Campaign, 20

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