

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE6212

## Fullerton, Janice (Jan) Lillian

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**Occupation** Librarian

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### Summary

Jan Fullerton was the Director General of the National Library of Australia (NLA) from 9 August 1999 until June 2010. She was the first woman to hold this position and had been part of the NLA since she began working in the film department in March 1967.

Under Jan's leadership, the NLA collection became much more accessible to students, researchers and the general public. Both the Picture Australia website and the digitisation of Australian newspapers occurred during her time as Director General.

In 2005 Jan Fullerton was awarded an AO 'for service to librarianship through the facilitation of wider community access to the collections of the National Library of Australia, the preservation of cultural heritage in digital forms, and collaboration with other collecting agencies nationally and internationally'. Jan was also made an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities in 2006, awarded the HCL Anderson Award in March 2010 and a Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* by the University of Queensland in December 2010.

### Archival resources

#### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Jan Fullerton, 1984-2010 \[manuscript\]](#)

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

[Jan Fullerton interviewed by Jan Lyall](#)

[Jan Fullerton interviewed by Bill Oakes \[sound recording\]](#)

[Ferguson Room launch at the National Library of Australia \[sound recording\] / speakers, Jan Fullerton, Pauline Fanning and Alec Ferguson](#)

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