

The Australian Women's Register

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Benjamin, Phyllis Jean

(1907 - 1996)

Born 30 August, 1907, Mosman New South Wales Australia

Died 31 December, 1996

Occupation Parliamentarian

Summary

Phyllis Benjamin was appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire on 31 May 1956 for services as a member of the Legislative Council in Tasmania. On 26 January 1977 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO). From 1968 to 1969 Benjamin was leader of the Upper House in Tasmania – the first woman in Australia to be appointed to the position.

Events

1950 - 1954

Member of the Tasmania Labor Party Executive

1952 - 1962

Tasmanian President of the Federal Association Australian Housewives

1952 - 1953

Federal President of the Federal Association Australian Housewives

1967 - 1968

Federal President of the Federal Association Australian Housewives

1956 - 1956

Member of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) (MBE)

1926 - 1926

Married A H Benjamin

1952 - 1975

Member (ALP) of the Tasmanian Legislative Council for the electorate of Hobart

1968 - 1969

Leader of the Upper House (first woman)

1956 - 1968

Deputy leader of the Upper House

1972 - 1976

Deputy Leader of the Upper House

1939 - 1945

Red Cross work

1977 - 1977

Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia, 1971, Legge, J S, 1971

Who's Who in Australia 1980, Draper, W. J., 1980

Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

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

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

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