

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** PR00566

## Warnock, Diana Muriel

(1940 - )

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**Born** 3 October, 1940, Western Australia

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Diana Warnock was elected as an Australian Labor Party member for Perth to Legislative Assembly of the 34th Parliament of Western Australia, Australian Labor Party on 6 February 1993, in succession to Ian Christopher Alexander (retired). She was re-elected 1996 but did not contest general election 10 February 2001.

### Details

Diana Muriel Robinson was born in 1940 to Duncan Robinson, a farmer at Kookynie, Western Australia, and his wife Muriel. Diana was educated at Helena School, Darlington, St. Hilda's Anglican School, and the University of Western Australia, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960. After graduation, she worked as a journalist for the West Australian newspaper, a research assistant for Professor Gordon Reid, a tutor in Women's Studies at Murdoch University, and a radio presenter on ABC 720WF, Radio 6PR and 6NR. Always interested in politics, before entering State Parliament, she was an activist on behalf of women and minority groups. In 1999, she was awarded the Australian Humanist of the Year for her work in society, particularly on behalf of women. In 1993, she was elected Australian Labor Party Member of the Legislative Assembly for Perth. She held several shadow portfolios, was Opposition Whip from May 1996 to January 1997, and President of the Parliamentary Labor Party from 15 January 1997. She retired from Parliament at the 2001 election.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book Section

Making a Difference: Women in the West Australian Parliament 1921-1999, Black, David and Phillips, Harry, 2000

#### Book

We Hold Up Half the Sky: The Voices of Western Australian ALP Women in Parliament, Watson, Judyth [ed.], 1994

### Archival resources

#### State Library of Western Australia

[\[Interview with Diana Muriel Warnock, politician\] \[sound recording\] / \[interviewed by Criena Fitzgerald\]](#)

[\[Interview with Diana Warnock\] \[sound recording\] / \[interviewed by Laura Bryant\]](#)

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