

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Organisation

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## Australian Federation of Women Voters

(1921 - 1982)

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 1 January, 1921

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**Died** 31 December, 1982

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**Occupation** Lobby group, Women's Rights Organisation

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### Summary

Formed in 1921, became The Australian Federation of Women Voters in 1924. The Federation were early advocates of women's rights at state, federal and international levels. The Federation was comprised of affiliated State Leagues including New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

### Published resources

#### Book

A Great Idea: Peace and Women Politicians in Victoria, Geddes, Margaret, 1987

#### Edited Book

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

#### Resource Section

Guide to the Papers of Ruby Rich, National Library of Australia, 1999,  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-296328435/findingaid>

[Portrait of Bessie Rischbieth] [picture]., National Library of Australia,  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.pic-an8328137>

#### Conference Proceedings

Australian Federation of Women Voters (non-party) silver jubilee 1921-1948 : Eighth Triennial Australian Conference, Melbourne, October 25-30, 1948, Rischbieth, Bessie Mabel, 1874-1967, 1948

#### Book Section

Greenwood, Irene, Caine, Barbara, 1998

"Polite lobbying": the Australian Federation of Women Voters and its allies in the Australian post-war women's movement., Martin, Elaine, 1999

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

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

## Archival resources

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

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1906-1984 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1943-1948 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Records of the Australian Federation of Women Voters, 1920-1983 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Records, 1937 - 1951 \[microform\]](#)

### **Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection**

[United Association of Women - Records, ca.1930-1970](#)

[United Association of Women - Further Records, 1930-1978](#)

[A. Viola Smith - further papers, 1957-1975](#)

[Eleanor M. Hinder - papers, 1837-1963, together with the papers of A. Viola Smith, ca. 1850-1975](#)

### **The University of Melbourne Archives**

[Pethybridge, Eva](#)

### **State Library of Western Australia**

[Women's Service Guilds of Western Australia records](#)

### **State Library of Victoria**

[Papers, 1948-1984 \[manuscript\].](#)

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