

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE0131

Bladel, Frances (Fran) Mary

(1933 - 2023)

Born 3 October, 1933, Hobart Tasmania Australia

Died 5 December, 2023, Hobart Tasmania Australia

Occupation Parliamentarian, Teacher

Summary

Fran Bladen was elected a State Member (ALP) for Franklin in Tasmania and held her seat from 1986 to 2002. She held several ministerial portfolios from 1989 to 1992, and returned to the ministry as Secretary to Cabinet in 1998. She resigned from the Legislative Assembly in 2002 to unsuccessfully contest the Legislative Council seat of Huon.

Details

Fran Bladel graduated with a BA (Honours) degree from the University of Tasmania. She became a teacher at Rose Bay High and Bridgewater High and a coordinator of the Tagari Project from 1970 to 1985.

From 1989 to 1992 Bladel was Minister for Consumer Affairs, Administrative Services and Construction and Minister assisting the Premier on the Status of Women. She was a member of the Administrative Committee of the Australian Labor Party, the Australian Education Union, the Tasmanian Council of Social Services, the Working Women's Centre, the Community Enterprise Employment Project (Clarendon Vale), the East Derwent Branch of the Tasmanian Arts Council, the Management Committee of the Housing Assistance Service, the Tasmanian Writers Union and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She was Patron of the Eastern Shore Table Tennis League, the Risdon Vale Community Centre Management Committee and the Bridgewater Police, Citizens and Youth Club.

Bladel was a founding member and secretary of 'A Taste of the Huon' Festival Committee, Chairperson of Bridgewater/Gagebrook Skillshare Inc and a foundation member of Emily's List (Tasmania).

Events

2006 - 2006

Inducted into the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2001, Herd, Margaret, 2000

Resource

Fran Bladel - Member for Franklin,
http://www.tas.alp.org.au/people/franklin_1.html

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Fran Bladel, teacher, politician, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Jocelyne Scutt, 1982-2010 \[manuscript\]](#)

Author Details

Anne Heywood

Created 3 October 2001

Last modified 14 August 2024