

The Australian Women's Register

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Martin, Carol Anne

(1957 -)

Born 31 October, 1957, Subiaco Western Australia Australia

Occupation Parliamentarian

Summary

Carol Anne Martin was the first Indigenous women to be elected to an Australian Parliament. In 2001, she was elected MLA (ALP) for the Western Australian seat of Kimberley.

Details

At the age of twelve, Martin was made a ward of the state. After her parents divorced she followed her mother, Rose Pilkington, to Broome. Here she worked as a social worker, after completing a business management course, although she had not completed her schooling. Martin moved north to Derby, where she met and married Brian Martin. In 1992 she won a scholarship to study social work at Curtin University. Her husband and two children moved to Perth to be with her.

Before entering parliament Martin worked as a consultant providing support and counselling services for a number of community and interest groups.

Her interests include: fishing, camping, reading and spending time with her large extended family.

Sources: www.wa.alp.org.au/people/kimberley.html accessed 31/10/01;
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Events

2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Resource

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Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

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