Entry type: Person
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Penniment, Diana Elizabeth

(1936 -)

Born	19360101, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Occupation	Rural leader

Summary

Diana Penniment, née Thomas, was born in Adelaide, South Australia. She attended Methodist Ladies College for her secondary education. Her family could not support further studies, so she worked in a bank until her marriage in 1956, when she moved with her husband into a two room cottage on his father's property at Wirrega, near Bordertown. They had four children as the children grew up Diana became involved in public affairs, from school activities and craft groups to helping form a local branch of the Women's Agricultural Bureau (WAB). Diana rose to State President of WAB in 1986. Highlights of her term included organising two international conferences. Diana also sat on the South Australian Rural Advisory Council. In 1991 she decided to focus on local issues and stood for the Tatiara District Council.

In the 2003 Australia Day Honours she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for 'service to local government, and to the advancement of rural community issues through Women in Agriculture and Business and a range of local organisations'.

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

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Interview with Diana Penniment [sound recording] Interviewer: Adair Dunsford

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