

# The Australian Women's Register

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Entry type: Person  
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## Laidlaw, Diana Vivienne

(1951 - )

Born	19510902
Occupation	Parliamentarian

### Summary

The Hon. Diana Laidlaw was a Member of the South Australia Legislative Council for over 20 years. During that time she was Minister for Transport (1995-1997); Transport and Urban Planning (1997-2002); The Arts (1993-2002); the Status of Women (1993-2002). Prior to entering Parliament Laidlaw was an assistant to both a State Minister and Federal Parliamentarians.

### Events

- 1975 - 1979**  
Assistant to Federal Parliamentarians
- 1979 - 1982**  
Assistant to State Minister
- 1988 - 1988**  
Delegation Leader of the Australian Political Exchange Programme to China
- 1982 - 2003**  
Liberal Member of the South Australian Legislative Council
- 1997 -**  
Member of the Chartered Institute of Transport Australia Inc.
- 1984 -**  
Member of the South Australian Board for the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust for Young Australians
- 1986 - 1991**  
National Director of the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust for Young Australians
- 1986 - 1986**  
Participant at His Royal Highness Duke of Edinburgh Sixth Commonwealth Study Conference
- 1994 -**  
Patron of the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management
- 1997 - 1997**  
Patron of the Food and Wine Writers Festival
- 1991 -**  
Patron of the Handknitters Guild of South Australia
- 1994 - 1994**  
Patron of the Independent Theatre Inc.

**1994 -**

Patron of the South Australian Society of Model and Experimental Engineers

**1994 -**

Patron of the Surf Life Saving Club of South Australia

**1994 -**

Patron of the Victor Harbor Horse and Tram Society

**1973 - 1973**

Position with Potters Partners

**1986 - 1990**

Senior Vice-President of the Commonwealth Club (Adelaide)

**1993 - 2002**

South Australian Minister for The Arts

**1993 - 2002**

South Australian Minister for the Status of Women

**1993 - 1997**

South Australian Minister for Transport

**1997 - 2002**

South Australian Minister for Transport and Urban Planning

**1982 - 1986**

South Australian representative to the Australia Fund

**1986 - 1993**

South Australian Shadow Minister for Tourism

**1992 - 1993**

South Australian Shadow Minister for Transport, Marine, Arts and Cultural Heritage, Status of Women and Local Government

**1985 -**

Vice-president of Sturt Football Club

**Published resources****Edited Book**

Who's Who in Australia 2004, 2004

**Newspaper Article**

Wanted: someone like I was 20 years ago, Kelton, Greg

**Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

**Archival resources****State Library of South Australia**

[Launch of the second stage of The Honoured Women Oral History Project \[sound recording\]](#)

[New State Library Party, Mortlock Chamber, State Library of South Australia \[sound recording\]](#)

[Farewell to Frances Awcock \[sound recording\]](#)

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