

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Fesl, Eve Mumewa D.

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**Occupation** Academic, Associate professor, Author, Councillor, Director, Linguist, Track and Field Athlete

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### Summary

Eve Fesl is a former discus champion of Victoria and Queensland and a Queensland netball representative. In 1988 she received the Order of Australia Medal for her work with the ethnic community and maintenance of Aboriginal languages. She gained her PhD with her sociolinguistic study on language policy and implementation.

Fesl has been a local councillor for Nunawading, Victoria, and a member of a number of national bodies including the Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs, the National Museum of Australia's Aboriginal Advisory Committee, the Aboriginal Literature Board and the Aboriginal Arts Board of the Australia Council.

In 1981 she became the first Aboriginal woman to be appointed Director of the Aboriginal Research Centre at Monash University, the position she currently holds. She also lectures in Koori and language studies, and she became an associate professor in 1992. In 1993 she published *Conned! A Koori Perspective*, a political history of the invasion and settlement of Australia from the Aboriginal point of view. She is author of numerous articles, book chapters, etc.

### Published resources

#### Book

Some Aboriginal women pathfinders : their difficulties and their achievements, Beeson, Margaret J (compiled by), [1980]

Conned!, Fesl, Eve D., 1993

#### Edited Book

The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia : Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, society and culture, Horton, David, 1994

#### Thesis

Language policy formulation and implementation [manuscript] : an historical perspective of Australian languages, Fesl, Eve D, 1988

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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