The Australian
Women's Register

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Maddigan, Judith (Judy) Marilyn

(1948 -)

Born	19480203, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Librarian, Parliamentarian

Summary

On 25 February 2003 Judy Maddigan was elected the 32nd person, and first female, to hold the office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria. She held this position until December 2006. The daughter of William Joseph and Bessie Irene (née Hurley) Todd, Judy was educated at Tintern Church of England Girls' Grammar School before entering the University of Melbourne. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Graduate Diploma of Librarianship and a Masters of Librarianship and Information Services (Conservation and Archives). Prior to entering Parliament, Maddigan worked for the Commonwealth Public Service, was a Branch Services Librarian with the City of Maribyrnong and a Councillor with the City of Essendon. During this time she received the State 'Clean Air Award' by leading the campaign to ban incinerators in the City. Maddigan has a long history of involvement in local community groups including Women's Organisations, the Essendon Historical Society and the Friends of Essendon Library. During the 1990s she was involved with the 'Defend Public Libraries' campaign which was organised to protect public libraries from the effects of compulsory competitive tending and amalgamations. An unsuccessful candidate for the Australian Labor Party at the 1992 state election, Maddigan was elected as a Member of Victorian Parliament to represent the Electoral District of Essendon in the Legislative Assembly in March 1996 and was re-elected in 1999, 2002 and 2006. She retired at the November 2010 election.

Events

1990 - 1995
Branch Services Librarian with the City of Maribyrnong

2002 - 2002
Chairperson of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Libraries

2001 - 2001
Chairperson of the Portrayal of Women in Outdoor Advertising Committee

1985 - 1991
Councillor with the City of Essendon

1999 - 2003
Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees for the Legislative Assemby

2003 - 2003
Elected first female Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Victoria)

1996 -
Elected Member Legislative Assembly (ALP) for Essendon, Victoria

1970 - 1976
Employed with the Commonwealth Public Service

2001 - 2001
Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

1983 - 1986
Librarian with Moonee Valley Regional Library

1987 - 1989
Librarian with the Catholic Regional College Sydenham

1996 - 1999
Member of the Parliamentary Environment and Natural Resources Committee

1996 - 1999
Member of the Parliamentary Library Committee

1999 - 2003
Member of the Parliamentary Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

1999 - 1999
Member of the Parliamentary Standing Orders Committee

1999 - 1999
Opposition Parliamentary Secretary for Planning

1996 - 1999
Opposition Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts

Published resources

Edited Book
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Book
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The Moonee Ponds Courthouse, Maddigan, Judy, 1995

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Newspaper Article
Questions for Judy Maddigan

Resource
Victorian Women's Roll of Honour: Women Shaping the Nation, 2001,
https://herplacemuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2001-Honour-Roll-Booklet.pdf

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition
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http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html

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