

The Australian Women's Register

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BPW Newcastle Club

(1931 -)

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Occupation	Lobby group, Professional Association, Women's Rights Organisation
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Summary

The Business Girls and Professional Women's Club of Newcastle (later the Business and Professional Women's Club of Newcastle, and then BPW Newcastle Club) was formed in 1931 with the stated aims of assisting the Young Women's Christian Association and the community, and of stimulating thinking and increasing knowledge of current affairs. Its foundation president was Marjorie Mulvey, Initially its focussed on social activities and on social service – operating a Free Children's Library and providing scholarships for under-privileged girls. Subsequently it devoted itself more specifically to issues relating to the status of women, particularly in employment. Like other such clubs, it was explicitly founded to provide a space for women's networking, and to work for their professional interests.

Published resources

Book

The first 25 years, B.P.W. Australia: The History of the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Thoms, Patience R, comp, 1972

Edited Book

A history of the clubs of the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Eagle, Vera J., 1976

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

Newcastle Region Library

[Records of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Newcastle. \[manuscript\]](#)

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

[Eleanor M. Hinder - papers, 1837-1963, together with the papers of A. Viola Smith, ca. 1850-1975](#)

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