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Australian Local Government Women’s Association – New South Wales Branch

(1952 -)

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Occupation	Lobby group, Political organisation, Women's Rights Organisation

Summary

The Australian Local Government Women’s Association – New South Wales Branch was formed in Sydney in 1952 with Ald. Marjorie Proposting of Lane Cove Council as first president. Its formation was precipitated by the formation of a national Australian Local Government Women’s Association in Canberra the previous year. A non-party organisation, it was inspired particularly inspired by the belief that more women should be involved in local government partly because this arm of government was especially relevant to housewives and mothers.

Its aims are:
-to assist in furthering women’s knowledge and understanding of the function of local government; to watch over and protect the interests and rights of women in local government; to take action in relation to any subject or activity of particular interest to women affecting local governing bodies or local government legislation; to encourage women to make a career in local government and to act in an advisory capacity to suitable women candidates for local government election.

Published resources

Conference Proceedings
Annual conference, programme and agenda / Australian Local Government Women's Association, N.S.W. and A.C.T. Branch, 1960-1971?

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Book
Women in Australian Parliaments and Local Governments, Past and Present : A Survey, Smith, A. Viola, 1975

Archival resources

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection
Pat Richardson scrapbooks relating to the Women's Electoral Lobby and women's events, 1977-2002

Lorelei Booker - papers, ca. 1890-1991

A. Viola Smith - further papers, 1957-1975

Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW Branch Inc.

Australian Local Government Women's Association, NSW Branch records, ca. 1958-1997

Eleanor M. Hinder - papers, 1837-1963, together with the papers of A. Viola Smith, ca. 1850-1975

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection
Records, 1951-1966 [manuscript]

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