

The Australian Women's Register

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Patrick, Jeannette Tweeddale

(1929 - 2011)

Born	19291102, Brighton Victoria Australia
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Died	20110524, Brighton Victoria Australia
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Occupation	Lawyer, Local government councillor, Parliamentarian, Solicitor
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Summary

A member of the Liberal Party of Australia, Jeannette Patrick served as the member for Brighton in the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament from 1976-85. She held the position of secretary of the Parliamentary Liberal Party from 1979-82.

Details

Daughter of Robert Tweeddale Breen, solicitor and Marie Freda Chamberlin, who served as a Victorian Liberal Senator in the Australian Parliament from 1962-68, she completed her secondary education at Firbank Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Brighton and her tertiary education at the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Laws in 1967. She worked as a solicitor in the family firm, R. T. Breen & Co. from 1967 and served as a Brighton City Councillor from 1973-76 before being elected to the Victorian Parliament in the same year.

On 25 October 1949 she married Vernon Ronald Patrick, law clerk. They had a son and a daughter.

Her community commitments included : member of the Consumer Affairs Council 1974-75, member of Brighton Technical School Council 1976-83, member of Firbank Council and Brighton Community Hospital committee of management 1976-80; member of the University of Melbourne Council 1979-83, Gardenvale Central School Council 1982-83; honorary solicitor to local organisations and a member of St Peter's Anglican Church, Brighton.

Published resources

Book

Biographical register of the Victorian Parliament, Browne, Geoff, 1985

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1983, Draper, W. J., 1983

Site Exhibition

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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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Leader in push for equal opportunity, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2011

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