

The Australian Women's Register

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Heggie, Maria

Nationality Australian

Occupation Community advocate, Local government councillor, Political candidate

Summary

A long term local government councillor and a seasoned campaigner for her party, Maria Heggie was the Liberal party candidate for Cabramatta in 1984, 1988 and 1991. She was Alderman for Fairfield City Council in 1980-2004 and Mayor from 1987-1988.

Details

A lifelong resident of Cabramatta, Maria Heggie was elected to Fairfield City Council in 1980 and was prominent in many local campaigns such as those opposing the building of a toxic waste plant in the area, and the siting of a hotel next to the Greenfield Park High School. She was Chairperson of the Fairfield Drug Action Team in 1998 and a member of the Council's Reconciliation Strategy Committee. In 2005, she was presented with a Local Government Outstanding Service Award for 24 years of service to Fairfield Council. She is married to David, and they have two sons.

Published resources

Book

Women in Australian Parliament and Local Government: An updated history 1975-1992, Decker, Dianne, 1992

Site Exhibition

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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