

The Australian Women's Register

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Coote, Andrea

(1951 -)

Born 19510718, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Occupation Business manager, Parliamentarian

Summary

A member of the Liberal Party of Australia, Andrea Coote was elected to the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament in 1999 as the Member for Monash Province. Andrea was a member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee that investigated Child Abuse in Non-Government Institutions, contributing to the landmark Betrayal of Trust Report (2013). She was elected to the new Legislative Council Province of Southern Metropolitan at the state election, which was held on 25 November 2006. She was re-elected in 2010, but retired at the 2014 election. A complete record of her parliamentary service, including a link to her first speech, can be found on the Victorian Parliament site (see link below).

In the 2026 Australia Day Honours she was appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) 'for significant service to the people and Parliament of Victoria, and to the aged care sector.'

Details

Since her retirement from the Victorian Parliament in 2014 Andrea Coote has continued to work within the non-for-profit sector in Aged Care as the inaugural Chair of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Advisory Council, and she played a pivotal role in strengthening national safeguards for older Australians, championing accountability, dignity, and continuous improvement across the sector. Her leadership ensured the Council provided strong, independent advice to the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission. In 2024 she presented the Council's submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee's inquiry into the Aged Care Bill 2024. She is also chair of The Jack Brockhoff Foundation, a charitable foundation which draws on a perpetual fund to support the health and wellbeing of all Victorians. Andrea joined the Geelong Grammar Foundation Board as a Director in 2025, having previously served as Director of Development at Geelong Grammar School from 1996 to 1998.

Published resources

Resource

Victorian Parliamentary Handbook Electronic Edition, 2005,
<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/handbook>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Book

Victorian Parliamentary Handbook, no. 8, the 55th Parliament, 2004

Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

Newspaper Article

Website

Andrea Coote, Parliament of Victoria,
<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/members/andrea-coote/>

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