

The Australian Women's Register

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Bannon, Agnes Emily

(1902 - 1987)

Nationality	Australian
Born	11 May, 1902, Guildford New South Wales Australia
Died	19 September, 1987, New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Music teacher, Political candidate

Summary

Agnes Bannon was a committed Democratic Labor Party member who ran for election three times: for Burwood in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in 1973 and for Lowe in the House of Representatives in 1969 and in 1972.

Details

Agnes Bannon was the mother of two sons and two daughters. She lived most of her life in the Strathfield/Burwood area, and had taught music there for many years when she first ran for election in 1969. She campaigned by inviting people to "information afternoons" at her home, which consisted of afternoon tea and a discussion of policy. She also door-knocked extensively in the Strathfield area. She was strongly in favour of state aid.

In 1972 the Women's Electoral Lobby ranked her responses to their questions as the second lowest of the nine candidates standing.

Published resources

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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