Entry type: Person
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Barratt, Catherine Hilda

Occupation Political candidate

Summary

A political activist who ran for the Communist Party of Australia in Newcastle in 1932. Catherine Barratt was also a candidate for the Newcastle Municipal Council in that same year.

Details

Catherine Barratt was reported to have got a good vote in the Municipal elections in Newcastle in 1932. She was, for many years, a prominent and militant member of the ALP, and became a member of the State Executive of the party. She resigned “because of the anti-working class actions of the Lang Administration” and then joined the Communist Party. Catherine was well known in the Newcastle district as a fighter for unemployed women and for children.

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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

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