

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1359

## Beckett, Mary Jane

(1931 - )

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 1 January, 1931, Burnley Lancashire United Kingdom

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**Occupation** Executive secretary, Political candidate

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### Summary

A once-only candidate in an unwinnable seat of Redfern in 1959 for the Liberal Party. Mary Jane Beckett was Executive Secretary of Montefiore Home in Hunters Hill.

### Details

Mary Beckett migrated to Australia c. 1952 with her parents and two siblings. She joined the Young Liberals in 1952, having previously been a member of the British Young Conservatives, and showed her loyalty to the party by standing for election in a very safe ALP seat.

### 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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