

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1619

## Johnson, Phyllis

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Occupation** Political candidate

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### Summary

Phyllis Johnson was prepared to go to gaol for her political beliefs. She stood for the Communist Party of Australia at the 1947 elections for the New South Wales Legislative Assembly seat of Paddington.

### Details

During the second world war, sale or possession of communist literature was an offence carrying the penalty of three to six months gaol. Those apprehended were usually invited to enter into a bond to observe the regulations for the duration of the war. Phyllis Johnson reused to do this when she was prosecuted for an anti-war address at the Sydney Domain and spent a month in Long Bay prison as a result.

### Published resources

#### Book

The Reds: the Communist Party of Australia from origins to illegality, Macintyre, Stuart, 1999

#### 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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