

The Australian Women's Register

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Moore, Clover

(1945 -)

Born	19451022, Sydney New South Wales Australia
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Occupation	Mayor, Politician, Teacher
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Summary

An indefatigable and very successful campaigner, Clover Moore was Alderman of the South Sydney City Council from 1980 to 1981 and Alderman of the Council of the City of Sydney 1981-87. She was elected Lord Mayor of Sydney in 2003. Clover was also elected as an Independent to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly seat of Bligh in 1988, 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003. In 2007 she was elected to the new seat of Sydney and relinquished it in 2012.

In the 1990s Clover Moore held the balance of power in the Legislative Assembly, with two other independents. She is renowned for her hard work and her community attachments. She continues to hold the position of Lord Mayor of Sydney.

Details

Clover Moore was born in Sydney, one of three daughters of Kathleen and Francis Collins. She was educated at Loreto College, Kirribilli and Elm Court Dominican Convent, Moss Vale. She matriculated to Sydney University, where she studied arts (BA Dip. Ed.) and lived at Sancta Sophia College. After graduation she began work as English/History teacher at Fort Street High School and then lived and taught in London and Europe for several years. She married Peter Moore, an architect, in 1972 and they have two children, Sophie and Tom.

The Moores returned to Australia in 1975, and in 1980 she won a seat on South Sydney Council. She has been in public office ever since, serving on the City of Sydney Council and in the Legislative Assembly, to which she was elected for Bligh in 1988. From 2003 she was both Lord Mayor of Sydney and the MLA for Bligh, and from 2007 MLA for Sydney until 2012. She continues to hold the position of Lord Mayor of Sydney.

Clover Moore was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2023 for distinguished service to local government, to the people and Parliament of NSW, and to the community of Sydney.

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>

Archival resources

State Library of New South Wales

[Clover Moore - further papers, 1976-1994](#)

[Clover Moore - papers, 1982-1989](#)

[Clover Moore further papers, 1980-2009, being Bligh-Sydney Electorate Office Archives](#)

[Clover Moore further papers, 1988-2012, being Bligh-Sydney Electorate Office Archives](#)

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