

The Australian Women's Register

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Chadwick, Virginia Anne

(1944 - 2009)

Born	19441219, Newcastle New South Wales Australia
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Died	20090918, Toronto New South Wales Australia
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Occupation	Businesswoman, Parliamentarian, Teacher
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Summary

Virginia Chadwick was a member of the Liberal Party. She was a member of the directly elected Legislative Council. Dates of Election 7 October 1978 and 19 March 1988.

Parliamentary career highlights:

Minister for Family and Community Services, 1988-1990

Minister for School Education and Youth Affairs, 1990-1992

Minister for Education and Youth Affairs and Minister for Employment and Training, 1992-93

Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Minister for Tourism and Minister Assisting the Premier, 1993-1995

Opposition Whip, 1984-1988

Virginia Chadwick was the President of the Legislative Council 1998-1999. She was the first woman Opposition Whip and woman to gain ministerial appointment in a Liberal Government. She retired from politics on 5 March 1999 and was later granted the retention of title of "Honourable" for life.

On 1 July 1999 the Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Heritage, Robert Hill, appointed Ms Chadwick to a five-year term (later extended) as Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of the Great Barrier Marine Park Authority, a position she held until November 2007.

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

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