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Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament

Summary

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches is an online exhibition that pays tribute to the women candidates who stood for election to the New South Wales Parliament from the time they were eligible to stand in 1918. It lists more than 900 women candidates, recognising their significant contributions and achievements, despite, in most cases, their lack of success. With the major focus on those who did not succeed a fuller picture is gained of the numbers of politically active women in the community who were prepared to put themselves forward for election to public office. Biographical entries about a selection of women have been prepared, some containing links to further bibliographical and archival resources.

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Published resources

Site Exhibition
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http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html

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