

The Australian Women's Register

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Booth, Angela Elizabeth Josephine

(1869 - 1954)

Born	27 October, 1869, Liverpool Lancashire England
Died	5 September, 1954, Sandringham Victoria Australia
Occupation	Educator, Local government councillor, Political candidate

Summary

Angela Booth served in local government while she attempted to gain a seat in the Victorian state parliament. She served as councillor for the Warrandyte Riding of the Doncaster and Templestowe shire from 1926-33. In 1927 she unsuccessfully sought Nationalist endorsement for state parliament before standing in 1929 as an Independent Nationalist candidate for the Legislative Assembly seat of Brighton in the Victorian state election.

In 1936 she and her husband James, were founding members of the Eugenics Society of Victoria. She served as its vice president.

Details

Angela Booth was born in Liverpool, England and migrated to Australia in 1896. In 1897 she married James Booth, a medical practitioner and divorcee, at St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, Sydney. In 1901 they moved to Broken Hill. While she was there she joined the Women's Political Association, emphasising the need for women to participate in political life. She remained a member until 1915, when she resigned over its pacifist stance in World War 1. She was also a member of the Liberal Education Society. Before the outbreak of World War 1, the Booths settled in Melbourne where Angela became active in conservative politics. She was president of the National Federation and a prominent member of the Australian Women's National League.

Published resources

Book Section

Angela Booth: The Importance of Being Well Bred, McBurnie, Grant, 1985

Resource Section

Booth, Angela Elizabeth Josephine (1869-1954), McBurnie, Grant, 2006,
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A130249b.htm>

Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Book

Liberal women : Federation to 1949, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2004

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