

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

**Entry ID:** AWE3779

## Hassett, Denise Lesley

(1948 - )

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<b>Born</b>	19480108, Lewisham England
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<b>Occupation</b>	Political candidate
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### Summary

Denise Hassett stood as a candidate for the Australian Labor Party in the Legislative Council Province of South Eastern at the Victorian state election, which was held in 1988. She stood as the ALP candidate for Flinders in the federal election of 1987.

### Details

Denise Hassett and her family migrated to Australia from England in 1951. They settled in Mornington and Denise has spent her life in the region.

She was educated at Mornington Primary and Mornington High School.

Her first employment was with the Commonwealth Bank where she remained until her marriage in 1969 to David Hassett. They had two children.

She joined the Australian Labor Party in 1975 after the dismissal of the Prime Minister at the time, Gough Whitlam.

Her community involvement has included assisting in the establishment of the Community Health Centre in Mornington in 1985, serving on the Frankston Hospital Board from 1982-88 and the Frankston Drug and Alcohol Committee. She was a member of the Mount Eliza Association for Environmental Care and is currently a member of the Mornington Peninsula Foreshore Committee.

She has been a Justice of the Peace since 1990.

She is the proprietor of a bed and breakfast establishment in Mornington.

### Published resources

#### 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

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