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# Bateman, Janice Gwendoline

(1935 - 2016)

Born	19350101
Died	20160824, Drouin Victoria Australia
Occupation	Local government councillor, Mayor, Political candidate

## Summary

Janice Bateman served as a councillor for the City of Berwick, Victoria from 1971-84 and was its first woman mayor from 1980-81. In an attempt to move into the state parliament, she stood as a candidate for the Australian Democrats Party in the Legislative Assembly seat of Dandenong at the Victorian state election, which was held on 5 May 1979. She was a candidate for the Liberal Party in the Legislative Council Province of Eumemmering at the 1988 election.

She made a constructive contribution to the Australian Local Government Women's Association in her capacity as president of the Victorian branch from 1975-77 and as national president from 1976-78. In 1985 she was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the community and to local government.

## 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

**Book**  
Women in Australian Parliament and Local Government: An updated history 1975-1992, Decker, Dianne, 1992

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