

The Australian Women's Register

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Chapman, Yvonne Ann

(1940 - 2024)

Born	19400121, Brisbane Queensland Australia
Died	20241027, Moreton Bay Queensland Australia
Occupation	Businesswoman, Parliamentarian

Summary

A member of the National Party of Australia, Yvonne Chapman was elected to the seat of Pine Rivers in the Queensland Parliament in 1983. She held the ministerial portfolios of Transport and Ethnic Affairs from September 1989 until December 1989 and Welfare Services (later Family Services) from February 1986 until December 1987. She was the first woman to be appointed to Cabinet in the Queensland Government. She lost her seat at the 1989 state election. Before her entry into state parliament she served as a councillor on the Pine Rivers Shire Council from 1976 until 1983, assuming the position of vice-chairman in 1982. In 1994 she was elected Mayor of the Pine Rivers Shire and held the position until 2008 when she retired.

Published resources

Resource

Women in the Queensland Parliament 1929-1994, McCulloch, John, 1994,
<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/publications/documents/research/backgroundBriefs/1994/BIB27.pdf>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Book

No ordinary lives: pioneering women in Australian politics, Jenkins, Cathy, 2008

Archival resources

National Library of Australia

[Biographical cuttings on Mrs Yvonne Chapman, former minister for welfare and transport, first woman in State Cabinet, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

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