Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE4414

Faust, Beatrice Eileen

(1939 - 2019)

Born	19390219, Glenhuntly Victoria Australia
Died	20191030, Churchill Victoria Australia
Occupation	Women's rights activist, Writer

Summary

A founding member of the Women's Electoral Lobby in 1972, Beatrice Faust was an activist for women's rights, particularly in relation to abortion law reform. She served as president of the Victorian Abortion Law Repeal Association in 1966. She co-founded the Victorian Union of Civil Liberties in 1965 and has lobbied for relaxation on censorship laws as well as on issues of equal opportunity for women. In 2001 she was awarded a Centenary Medal 'for service to the community through women's issues and in 2004 she was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia 'for service to the community in the areas of social, political and employment reform and through provoking debate and raising public awareness of issues affecting women's rights'.

Events

2001 - 2001
Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Book
Women, sex and pornography, Faust, Beatrice, 1981

Fearless Beatrice Faust : sex, feminism & body politics, Brett, Judith, 2025

Edited Book
Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

The Half-open door : sixteen modern Australian women look at professional life and achievement, Grimshaw, Patricia and Strahan, Lynne, c1982

Archival resources

National Library of Australia
[Biographical cuttings on Beatrice Faust, co-founder of the Victorian Council of Civil Liberties, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection
Julia Trubridge-Freebury further papers, 1960s-2004

Author Details
Rosemary Francis

Created 8 December 2009
Last modified 12 May 2026