

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Cooper, Janet Pierson

(1891 - 1984)

<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
<b>Born</b>	25 February, 1891, Elmsvale Nova Scotia Canada
<b>Died</b>	6 June, 1984, Albert Park Victoria Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Anaesthetist, Local government councillor, Mayor

### Summary

In 1950 Janet Cooper became the first woman elected to the South Melbourne City council. She was defeated in 1953, but re-elected in 1956 and served as mayor in 1958-59 and again in 1965. In 1959 she was appointed OBE.

### Published resources

#### Book Section

Cooper, Janet Pierson (1891 - 1984), Priestley, Susan, 2006,  
<http://adbonline.anu.edu.au/biogs/A170246b.htm>

#### Book

Women in Australian Parliaments and Local Governments, Past and Present : A Survey, Smith, A. Viola, 1975

#### Resource

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