

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE6269

## Mansell, Chris

(1953 - )

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<b>Born</b>	19530101, Sydney New South Wales Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Editor, Playwright, Poet, Writer
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### Summary

Australian poet Chris Mansell worked as an editor and poet in Sydney in the 1970s and 1980s. Today, Chris continues to write, perform and edit, in addition to holding writing classes.

*Delta*, Chris's first collection of poetry, was published in 1978 and since this time she has also written short prose, plays, and a children's book titled *Little Wombat*. Her work has been shortlisted for numerous awards and prizes, and she has held various writing and editing residencies.

Chris co-founded the literary magazine *Compass Poetry and Prose* in 1978, which she edited until 1987. She taught creative writing at the University of Wollongong from 1987 to 1989 and from 1989 at the University of Western Sydney. Chris then attended the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) Playwright's Studio.

Since the late 1980s Chris has been involved in poetry publishing. She was one of the founders of Five Islands Press and since 2002 she has run the independent poetry press PressPress.

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Chris Mansell, circa 1970-2004 \[manuscript\]](#)

#### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Chris Mansell, poet, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\].](#)

### Author Details

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