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Benjamin, Phyllis Jean

(1907 - 1996)

Born	19070830, Mosman New South Wales Australia
Died	19961231
Occupation	Parliamentarian

Summary

Phyllis Benjamin was appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire on 31 May 1956 for services as a member of the Legislative Council in Tasmania. On 26 January 1977 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO). From 1968 to 1969 Benjamin was leader of the Upper House in Tasmania – the first woman in Australia to be appointed to the position.

Events

1956 - 1968
Deputy leader of the Upper House

1972 - 1976
Deputy Leader of the Upper House

1952 - 1953
Federal President of the Federal Association Australian Housewives

1967 - 1968
Federal President of the Federal Association Australian Housewives

1968 - 1969
Leader of the Upper House (first woman)

1926 - 1926
Married A H Benjamin

1952 - 1975
Member (ALP) of the Tasmanian Legislative Council for the electorate of Hobart

1956 - 1956
Member of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) (MBE)

1950 - 1954
Member of the Tasmania Labor Party Executive

1977 - 1977
Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

1939 - 1945
Red Cross work

1952 - 1962
Tasmanian President of the Federal Association Australian Housewives

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