

The Australian Women's Register

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Women Against Rape Adelaide

(1981 - 1982)

Born 26 April, 1981, Adelaide South Australia Australia

Died 25 April, 1982, Adelaide Adelaide South Australia Australia

Occupation Protesting, Social awareness organisation

Summary

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Details

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Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

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[Papers of the Women Against Rape Coalition \(WAR\)](#)

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