# The Australian Women's Register

**Entry ID:** Person PR00042

# McCulloch, Deborah Jane

(1939 - 2021)

Born	19390225, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Died	20211016, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Occupation	Lecturer, Poet, Teacher

## Summary

Deborah McCulloch was an English teacher and later a lecturer at Salisbury College of Advanced Education. She became involved in the women's movement in 1971. She was a member of Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL) when it started in South Australia. She was appointed as the first Women's Adviser to the Premier of South Australia in 1976 by Don Dunstan.

#### **Details**

Deborah McCulloch trained as a teacher and worked in South Australia as an English teacher and lecturer. She was active in the Women's Liberation Movement. She was a member of Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL). She was appointed as the first Women's Adviser to the Premier of South Australia in 1976 by Don Dunstan. With Yve Repin she formed FEM Enterprises. She published poetry including *Waltzing with Alice (1983)* and *Three's Company (1992)* with Elizabeth Biff Ward and Donna McKimming.

She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Flinders University in 1994 and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in June 2005 for service to the community as a proponent of equal opportunities for women, Indigenous Australians and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

## Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

Women's Movement South Australia, Barber, Jenny, 1980

Fresh evidence, new witnesses: finding women's history, Allen, Margaret (Margaret Ellen), 1947-; Hutchison, Mary and Mackinnon, Alison, 1942-, 1989

#### Report

Report on Women's non-government organizations conference, Beijing, China, August 31 - September 8, 1995 / Deborah McCulloch, Women's Electoral Lobby, McCulloch, Deborah, 1995

#### Archival resources

State Library of South Australia
Sylvia Kinder: SUMMARY RECORD

Interview with Deborah McCulloch [sound recording] Interviewer: Deborah Worsley-Pine

Interview with Deborah McCulloch [sound recording] Interviewer: Catherine Murphy

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