

The Australian Women's Register

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Australian Federation of Women Voters

(1921 - 1982)

Born 1 January, 1921

Died 31 December, 1982

Occupation Lobby group, Women's Rights Organisation

Summary

Formed in 1921, became The Australian Federation of Women Voters in 1924. The Federation were early advocates of women's rights at state, federal and international levels. The Federation was comprised of affiliated State Leagues including New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

Published resources

Book

A Great Idea: Peace and Women Politicians in Victoria, Geddes, Margaret, 1987

Edited Book

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

Resource Section

Guide to the Papers of Ruby Rich, National Library of Australia, 1999,

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-296328435/findingaid>

[Portrait of Bessie Rischbieth] [picture]., National Library of Australia,

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.pic-an8328137>

Conference Proceedings

Australian Federation of Women Voters (non-party) silver jubilee 1921-1948 : Eighth Triennial Australian Conference, Melbourne, October 25-30, 1948, Rischbieth, Bessie Mabel, 1874-1967, 1948

Book Section

Greenwood, Irene, Caine, Barbara, 1998

"Polite lobbying": the Australian Federation of Women Voters and its allies in the Australian post-war women's movement., Martin, Elaine, 1999

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1906-1984 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1943-1948 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Records of the Australian Federation of Women Voters, 1920-1983 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Records, 1937 - 1951 \[microform\]](#)

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

[United Association of Women - Records, ca.1930-1970](#)

[United Association of Women - Further Records, 1930-1978](#)

[A. Viola Smith - further papers, 1957-1975](#)

[Eleanor M. Hinder - papers, 1837-1963, together with the papers of A. Viola Smith, ca. 1850-1975](#)

The University of Melbourne Archives

[Pethybridge, Eva](#)

State Library of Western Australia

[Women's Service Guilds of Western Australia records](#)

State Library of Victoria

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