

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Garbutt, Sherryl

(1948 - )

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<b>Born</b>	19480505, Essendon Victoria Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Parliamentarian, Teacher
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### Summary

A member of the Australian Labor Party, Sherryl Garbutt was elected to the seat of Greensborough in 1989 at a by-election following the death of Pauline Toner; the seat of Greensborough was abolished in the 1990 redistribution. She was the Member (ALP) of Parliament for the Bundoora electorate from 1992-2006 and held the portfolios of Environment and Conservation and Women's Affairs from 1999-2002 and Community Services from 2002-06. She did not contest the 2006 election.

### Details

Sherryl Garbutt completed her BA and DipEd at the University of Melbourne and her B.Ed. at La Trobe University. She worked as a secondary school teacher (1970 -1976) before she went to work as an Electorate Officer to the Hon. Pauline Toner, Member for Greensborough, in 1982. She was elected to the seat of Greensborough in 1989 at a by-election following the death of Pauline Toner.

After winning the Greensborough by-election, Garbutt became a member of the Education Caucus Committee and the Conservation and Environment Caucus Committee from 1989-92. She was also a member of the Natural Resources & Environment Parliamentary Committee (1991-1992) and the Community Development Committee (1992-1996). In 1992 Garbutt became the Shadow Minister for Community Services and a year later the Shadow Minister for Women's Affairs. She held both these positions until 1996 when she was made Shadow Minister for Environment, Conservation & Land Management and Shadow Minister for Water Resources from 1996-1999.

The mother of two adult children, her interests include bushwalking, camping and travel.

### Events

#### 2016 - 2016

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

## Published resources

### Resource

Minister for Women's Affairs,  
<http://www.women.vic.gov.au/owa/owasite.nsf/pages/minister>

Sherryl Garbutt, MP Member for Bundoora,  
<http://home.vicnet.au/~archa/garbutt/profile.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

### Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

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