

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Martin, Clare Majella

(1952 - )

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<b>Born</b>	19520615, Sydney New South Wales Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Journalist, Parliamentarian
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### Summary

A member of the Australian Labor Party, Clare Martin gained the distinction of becoming the first Labor and first female Chief Minister of the Northern Territory in 2001. She was elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory at a by-election for the seat of Fannie Bay in 1995. This seat was formerly held by the Chief Minister Marshall Perron, member of the Country Liberal Party. She was re-elected in 1997, assumed the leadership of the ALP in 1999 and went on to win the 2001 election. In addition to her role as Chief Minister, she held the ministerial portfolios of Treasurer, Arts and Museums, Young Territorians, Women's Policy, Senior Territorians, Communications, Science and Advanced Technology. She won the 2005 election with an increased majority, but resigned from Parliament in November 2007.

### Details

Born: 15 June 1952.

Martin obtained a Bachelor of Arts from Sydney University in 1972. From 1978 to 1994 she was a Senior Journalist and broadcaster with ABC Radio and TV. She worked in both Sydney and Canberra before relocating to Darwin in 1985.

Martin and her partner David have a son and daughter and her interests include: reading, music, politics and sport.

Source: [www.nt.alp.org.au/people/fanniebay.html](http://www.nt.alp.org.au/people/fanniebay.html) accessed 10/10/01

### Events

#### 2019 - 2019

Officer of the Order of Australia (AO): For distinguished service to the people and Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, and as a community advocate.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Clare Martin - Member for Fannie Bay,  
<http://www.nt.alp.org.au/people/fanniebay.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2001, Herd, Margaret, 2000

#### Book

No ordinary lives: pioneering women in Australian politics, Jenkins, Cathy, 2008

#### 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

[\[Biographical cuttings on Clare Martin, politician, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

### Author Details

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