

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0157

## Martin, Carol Anne

(1957 - )

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**Born** 19571031, Subiaco Western Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Carol Anne Martin was the first Indigenous women to be elected to an Australian Parliament. In 2001, she was elected MLA (ALP) for the Western Australian seat of Kimberley.

### Details

At the age of twelve, Martin was made a ward of the state. After her parents divorced she followed her mother, Rose Pilkington, to Broome. Here she worked as a social worker, after completing a business management course, although she had not completed her schooling. Martin moved north to Derby, where she met and married Brian Martin. In 1992 she won a scholarship to study social work at Curtin University. Her husband and two children moved to Perth to be with her.

Before entering parliament Martin worked as a consultant providing support and counselling services for a number of community and interest groups.

Her interests include: fishing, camping, reading and spending time with her large extended family.

Sources: [www.wa.alp.org.au/people/kimberley.html](http://www.wa.alp.org.au/people/kimberley.html) accessed 31/10/01;  
[www.federation.vic.gov.au/honour.html](http://www.federation.vic.gov.au/honour.html) p. 134 accessed 31/10/01

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### Published resources

#### Resource

Victorian Women's Roll of Honour: Women Shaping the Nation, 2001,  
<https://herplacemuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2001-Honour-Roll-Booklet.pdf>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Edited Book

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

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