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## Interview with Elizabeth Furner [sound recording]

### Interviewer: June Donovan

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#### Details

1 hour 40 minutes??Elizabeth Furner, formerly Laurenson and Guy, was born in London, England. Her parents separated when she was a child. Elizabeth married a soldier in 1941 and they emigrated to Australia in 1952 with their four year old son. They came to Adelaide, via Tasmania and Sydney, in 1961. It was at this time that Elizabeth began taking an interest in both writing and local government, stimulated by her disgust about the discriminatory franchise laws. She joined the Australian Local Government Women's Association, rising quickly to President of the South Australian Branch, and did much public speaking as well as standing for council in North Brighton. In the early 1970s Elizabeth founded the Brighton Writers' Workshop from which the South Australian Branch of the Society of Women Writers was formed. She describes the society's aims and activities and her own writing, which reflects her interests in 'history and humour'.

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