

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1276

## Heggie, Maria

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Occupation** Community advocate, Local government councillor, Political candidate

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### Summary

A long term local government councillor and a seasoned campaigner for her party, Maria Heggie was the Liberal party candidate for Cabramatta in 1984, 1988 and 1991. She was Alderman for Fairfield City Council in 1980-2004 and Mayor from 1987-1988.

### Details

A lifelong resident of Cabramatta, Maria Heggie was elected to Fairfield City Council in 1980 and was prominent in many local campaigns such as those opposing the building of a toxic waste plant in the area, and the siting of a hotel next to the Greenfield Park High School. She was Chairperson of the Fairfield Drug Action Team in 1998 and a member of the Council's Reconciliation Strategy Committee. In 2005, she was presented with a Local Government Outstanding Service Award for 24 years of service to Fairfield Council. She is married to David, and they have two sons.

### Published resources

#### Book

Women in Australian Parliament and Local Government: An updated history 1975-1992, Decker, Dianne, 1992

#### Site Exhibition

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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