

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Commission for Australian Catholic Women

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**Born** 1 January, 2000, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Social action organisation

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### Summary

The Commission for Australian Catholic Women (CACW) was established on the recommendation of the Report on the Participation of Women in the Catholic Church in Australia, which was presented to the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference on 12 April 1999. Its aim is to promote the participation of women in the Catholic Church of Australia. Its commissioners include representatives from Adelaide, Sydney, Ballarat, Melbourne, Whyalla, Perth and Mt Isa. The Commission meets four times annually and works to facilitate the decisions and proposals of the Bishops to build a more inclusive church. The inaugural Chair of the Commission was Geraldine Hawkes.

### Details

The purpose of the Commission is to act as a focal point for ongoing dialogue and integration of ideas relating to women and their participation in the Catholic Church in Australia, and assist in the implementation of the decisions and recommendations concerning the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia. It has responsibility also for assisting in the implementation of the recommendations arising in response to the publication *Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus*, a report on the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

### Published resources

#### Book

Woman and man: one in Christ Jesus: Report on the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia, Research Management Group, 1999

#### Resource Section

History of the Commission for Australian Catholic Women,  
<http://www.cacw.catholic.org.au/about/history.asp>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

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