

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Barkl, Blanche

( - 2001)

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<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
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<b>Died</b>	11 August, 2001, Dalmeny New South Wales Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Political candidate
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### Summary

A once-only candidate for State Parliament (Liberal Party candidate for Bankstown in 1950), Blanche Barkl instead became a successful local councillor. She was Alderman for the Bankstown Municipal Council from 1948-54 and 1959-62, and was Bankstown Mayor from 1951-53.

### Details

Blanche Barkl was the first woman elected to Bankstown Municipal Council (1948), and the first woman elected Deputy Mayor (1949) and Mayor (1951-53). She also served as Divisional Commissioner, Girl Guides Sir Joseph Banks Division. She and her husband, Jim, had two daughters.

### Published resources

#### Book

Women in Australian Parliaments and Local Governments, Past and Present : A Survey, Smith, A. Viola, 1975

#### 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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