

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Smith, Fiona

Occupation Barrister, Disability rights activist, Lawyer

Summary

Born with a disability, Fiona Smith has tried throughout her life to use her 'personal experiences to build bridges with other people whilst guarding against being typecast' (Our Community Leaders website). A qualified barrister and mediator she has played a leading role in many community and government organisations including as Chair, Equal Opportunity Commission (Victoria) (2004 to 2008) and Executive Chair, Business Licensing Authority (Victoria). She is a patron of the Victorian Immigrant & Refugee Women's Coalition, a Non-Executive Director of Yooralla and Policy and Research Advisor with Trust for Nature.

Events

2003 - 2008

Victorian Equal Opportunity Commission of Victoria

2012 - 2012

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

1998 - 2009

Business Licensing Authority (Victoria)

1985 - 1988

Resources Building for Small Organisations Project

2003 - 2003

Received for her contribution to the Victorian justice system

2017 - 2017

Received for significant service to the community as an advocate for human rights and social justice issues.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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