

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** PR00834

## Chambers, Joy

(1942 - )

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**Born** 21 February, 1942, Violet Town Victoria

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**Occupation** Farmer, social activist

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### Summary

Joy Chambers was born in the Strathbogie ranges, into a farming family, and married a central Victorian farmer. After her retirement from teaching, and acting on her belief that the important role women played in agriculture should be recognised and encouraged, she took an active role in what became known collectively as the Women in Agriculture movement. She became a member of FarmAdvance, and was on the steering committee of the 1994 First International Women in Agriculture conference, working on publicity. After the conference, Joy was a founding member of the Central Victorian Women in Agriculture Group (CVWiA). She organised the workshops for the 1997 Bendigo Women on Farms Gathering, which the CVWiA organised, and instigated the Knickers Fund, which the group administered. Joy was active in the anti-GM (genetically modified foods) lobby, and the broadacre family farm has been granted organic accreditation..

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

Brilliant Ideas and Huge Visions: ABC Radio Australian Rural Women of the Year - 1994-1997, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2011,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/rwya/rwya-home.html>

### Archival resources

#### Melbourne Museum

[Central Victorian Women in Agriculture Papers](#)

#### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Audrey Drechsler, 1979-2009 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers of Mary Salce, 1976-2007 \[manuscript\]](#)

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