

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Setches, Kay Patricia

(1944 - )

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<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
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<b>Born</b>	28 November, 1944, Melbourne Victoria Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Parliamentarian, Sales assistant
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### Summary

A member of the Australian Labor Party from 1972, Kay Setches served as the member for Ringwood in the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament from 1982-92. She held the portfolios of Conservation, Forests and Land from 1988-90, Community Services from 1990-92 and was Minister Responsible for Child Care 1991-92. On the abolition of the seat of Ringwood she unsuccessfully contested the seat of Bayswater at the state election, which was held on 3 October 1992.

### Details

Daughter of Eric Joseph Earl, a wharf labourer, and Lilian Mary, a spinner, Kay Setches completed her primary education at St Joseph's, Collingwood and Cromwell Street State School, Collingwood. She completed her secondary education at the Collingwood School of Domestic Arts and subsequently worked as a sales assistant.

On 2 November 1962 she married Denis Norman Setches, a local government officer. They had two children, a son and a daughter. Kay Setches lived in Croydon from 1964. Her community involvement included the position of co-ordinator of the Maroondah Halfway House from 1977-78, president of Boronia Technical School Council from 1979-83 and member of the Croydon Conservation Society.

Her ministerial responsibilities included:

13 October 1988-2 April 1990 – Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands.

2 April 1990- 6 October 1992 – Minister for Community Services.

17 January 1991-6 October 1992 – Minister responsible for Child care.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

## Published resources

### Book

Biographical register of the Victorian Parliament, Browne, Geoff, 1985

Victorian Parliamentary Handbook / prepared by direction of the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 1989

### Resource Section

Setches, Kay Patricia, 2005,

<http://tex2.parliament.vic.gov.au/bin/texhtmlt?form=VicMin.sum&minname=SETCHES%2C+Kay+Patricia&keyword=%28All+Por>

### Edited Book

As a woman: writing women's lives, Scutt, Jocelyne A., 1992

### Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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