

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Organisation

**Entry ID:** AWE0099

## Save Our Sons Movement

(1965 - 1973)

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**Born** 1 January, 1965

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**Died** 31 December, 1973

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### Summary

First established in Sydney, and later in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Newcastle and Adelaide the movement protested against conscription of Australians to fight in the Vietnam war. The movement made conscription of men under 18 who were not eligible to vote at that time a focus of their campaign.

In 1970, five Save Our Sons women were jailed in Melbourne for handing out anti-conscription pamphlets whilst on government property. They included Jean Maclean, Rene Miller and Jo MacLaine-Cross.

### Published resources

#### Thesis

A history of the Save Our Sons movement of Victoria: 1965-1973, Pauline Armstrong, 1991

Women in protest movements: the Women's Peace Army and the Save Our Sons Movement., Francis, Rosemary, 1984

#### Journal

S.O.S. Newsletter, [Sydney] Save our Sons movement 1965-1972, 1965-1972

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Worth Fighting For!, Fryer Library with research by Yorick Smaal, 2005,  
[https://webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20050708180233/http://www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/worth\\_fighting/](https://webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20050708180233/http://www.library.uq.edu.au/fryer/worth_fighting/)

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Save Our Sons Movement : SUMMARY RECORD](#)

#### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Records of the Save Our Sons Movement. 1965-1973 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers of Pauline Armstrong. 1990-2002 \[manuscript\]](#)

#### National Library of Australia, Pictures Collection

[Demonstration outside Fairlea Women's Prison, Melbourne, ca. 1970 \[picture\]](#)

#### The University of Melbourne Archives

[Armstrong, Pauline](#)

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