

The Australian Women's Register

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Manuel, Jean Maree

(1922 - 2001)

Nationality	Australian
Born	12 January, 1922, Carlton New South Wales Australia
Died	5 March, 2001, New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Activist, Teacher, Volunteer

Summary

Jean Manuel was a dedicated local activist in southern Sydney, with a wide range of voluntary and community interests. She was a Councillor on the Sutherland Shire council from 1965-80, including stints as the Deputy Shire President from 1968-71 and 1977-78 and Shire President from 1978-79. Jean was less successful in state politics, having been an unsuccessful Independent candidate in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly elections for Woronora in 1973 and for Sutherland in 1988.

Details

Educated Belmore North PS, NSW, St Joseph's School, Belmore NSW, Burwood HS NSW

Married Kenneth Manuel, 1946, two daughters and one son.

Voluntary Red Cross worker, 1939-45, 1945-47.

Infants teacher, St Joseph's School Oyster Bay 1955-63.

First woman councillor, deputy shire president and shire president in her long career with Sutherland Shire 1965-80.

Australian Local Government Women's Association office holder, records officer and historian, life member from 1970.

MBE 1977.

Patron of many organizations in Sutherland Shire, including Amelie House Women's Refuge 1978-80.

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

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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