

**GILES, Patricia Jessie AM (nee White)**

Born in 1928 at Minlaton in South Australia, Pat began her working life as a nurse and after completing a Bachelor of Arts degree as a mature age student in 1974 became an organiser for the Hospital Employees Union of Western Australia until 1981. In that year she was elected as an Australian Labor Party Senator for Western Australia and held the position for twelve years. As a senator she was active in issues related to women and served on many committees, attended many conferences, sat on delegations and made overseas visits as well as holding many party positions.

Giles was a founding member of the Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL), branch in Perth Western Australia in 1973 and was the first woman on the executive of the West Australian Trades and Labour Council.

Following her retirement from politics in 1993 she continued to be active in women's rights and issues.

Source: Wikipedia, The Australian Women's Register  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/A>

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SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
BADGES CORRESPONDENCE FILES	NOTEBOOKS PROFILES

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	BADGES
8295A/1	Has ALP, WEL, TLC and WA Discrimination Committee and the name of Ms Pat Giles on the front
	CORRESPONDENCE
8295A/2	1974 – 1982, 1984, 1986. Inward and outward. Also, includes photographs and newspaper clippings
	FILES
8295A/3	1979 – 1981. Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Women's Committee. Includes minutes and agendas
8295A/4	1969 – 1972. Education matters. Includes Council for Defence of Government Schools material
8295A/5	1969. Election material
8295A/6	1985. Film Australia
8295A/7	1980s. Irene Greenwood
8295A/8	1970. Lake Leschenaultia

8295A/9	1978 – 1979. Maternity leave
8295A/10	1979. Australian Trade Union Training Authority (TUTA) course for women
8295A/11	1985. Peace and disarmament. Includes Sisterhood and Soroptimists material
8295A/12	1976. Seminar 'International Women's Year & Beyond' Includes letters concerning Western Australian Committee on Discrimination
8295A/13	1973, 1974. Sexuality. Includes material on abortion and homosexuality
8295A/14	n.d. Tresillian petition
8295A/15	1977 – 1981. Women's employment
8295A/16	1977, 1979. Working Women's Charter
	NOTEBOOKS
8295A/17	n.d. Handwritten notes
	PROFILES
8295A/18	1980. Includes newspaper cutting, and photocopy of image plus a profile on page 11 of the <i>Labor Women Speak</i> journal

Holdings = 17cm.

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