

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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		BADGES
ACC 8295A/1		Has ALP, WEL, TLC and WA Discrimination Committee and the name of Ms Pat Giles on the front
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ACC 8295A/2	1974 - 1982, 1984, 1986.	Inward and outward. Also, includes photographs and newspaper clippings
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ACC 8295A/3	1979 - 1981.	Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Women's Committee. Includes minutes and agendas
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ACC 8295A/6	1985.	Film Australia
ACC 8295A/7	1980s.	Irene Greenwood
ACC 8295A/8	1970.	Lake Leschenaultia
ACC 8295A/9	1978 - 1979.	Maternity leave
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ACC 8295A/12	1976.	Seminar 'International Women's Year & Beyond' Includes letters concerning Western Australian Committee on Discrimination
ACC 8295A/13	1973, 1974.	Sexuality. Includes material on abortion and homosexuality
ACC 8295A/14	n.d.	Tresillian petition
ACC 8295A/15	1977 - 1981.	Women's employment
ACC 8295A/16	1977, 1979.	Working Women's Charter
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ACC 8295A/17	n.d.	Handwritten notes
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