



Record of Women MPs in the Parliament of Western Australia:

100 years, 100 women



Edith Cowan, 1921

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Caitlin Collins, 2021

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In 1921, Edith Cowan, Member for West Perth became the first woman elected to the Parliament of Western Australia and in 2021, Caitlin Collins, Member for Hillarys became the 100th. There have now been 117 women MPs in the Parliament of Western Australia since the election of Louise Kingston in 2023.



"I stand here today in the unique position of being the first woman in an Australian Parliament. I know many people think perhaps that it was not the wisest thing to do to send a woman into Parliament, and perhaps I should remind Hon. members that one of the reasons why women and men also considered it advisable to do so, was because it was felt that men need a reminder sometimes from women beside them that will make them realise all that can be done for the race and for the home.."

Mrs Cowan,
Inaugural Speech,
28 July 1921

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1	Edith Dircksey Cowan	MLA	Natl	West Perth	12 March 1921—22 March 1924
2	Mary Alice (May) Holman	MLA	ALP	Forrest	3 April 1925—20 March 1939
3	Florence Gillies Cardell-Oliver	MLA	Natl/Lib	Subiaco	15 February 1936—7 April 1956
4	Ruby Florence Hutchison	MLC MLC	ALP ALP	Suburban North Metropolitan	22 May 1954—21 May 1965 22 May 1965—21 May 1971
5	Lyla Daphne Elliott	MLC	ALP	North-East Metropolitan	22 May 1971—21 May 1986
6	Margaret June Craig	MLA	Lib	Wellington	30 March 1974—19 February 1983
7	Grace Sydney Vaughan	MLC	ALP	South-East Metropolitan	22 May 1974—21 May 1980
8	Margaret McAleer	MLC MLC	Lib Lib	Upper West Agricultural	22 May 1974—21 May 1989 22 May 1989—21 May 1993
9	Winifred Margaret Piesse	MLC	NCP	Lower Central	22 May 1977—21 May 1983
10	Yvonne Daphne Henderson	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Gosnells Thornlie	19 February 1983—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—14 December 1996
11	Jacqueline Patricia Watkins	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Joondalup Wanneroo	19 February 1983—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—6 February 1993
12	Pamela Ann Buchanan	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Pilbara Ashburton	19 February 1983—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—3 March 1992
13	Pamela Anne Beggs	MLA	ALP	Whitford	19 February 1983—6 February 1993
14	Elsie Kay Hallahan	MLC MLC MLA	ALP ALP ALP	South-East Metropolitan East Metropolitan Armadale	22 May 1983—21 May 1989 22 May 1989—13 January 1993 6 February 1993—14 December 1996
15	Dr Judyth Watson	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Canning Kenwick	8 February 1986—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—14 December 1996
16	Dr Carmen Mary Lawrence	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Subiaco Glendalough	8 February 1986—4 February 1989 4 February 1989—14 February 1994
17	Beryl Lillian Jones	MLC MLC	ALP ALP	Lower West South West	22 May 1986—21 May 1989 22 May 1989—21 May 1993
18	Dr Hilda Margaret Turnbull	MLA	Nat	Collie	4 February 1989—10 February 2001
19	Cheryl Lynn Edwardes	MLA	Lib	Kingsley	4 February 1989—26 February 2005
20	Cheryl May Davenport	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 1989—21 May 2001
21	Muriel Grace Patterson	MLC	Lib	South West	22 May 1989—21 May 2001

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22	Dr Judith (Judy) Mary Edwards	MLA	ALP	Maylands	26 May 1990—6 September 2008
23	Dr Elizabeth Constable	MLA MLA	Lib Ind	Floreat Churchlands	20 July 1991—14 December 1996 14 December 1996—9 March 2013
24	Valma Eileen Ferguson	MLC MLC	ALP ALP	East Metropolitan East Metropolitan	2 February 1993—21 May 1993 4 April 1995—21 May 1997
25	Diane Phyllis Airey	MLC	Lib	South Metropolitan	2 February 1993—21 May 1993
26	Diana Muriel Warnock	MLA	ALP	Perth	6 February 1993—10 February 2001
27	June Dorothy van de Klashorst	MLA	Lib	Swan Hills	6 February 1993—10 February 2001
28	Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan	MLC MLA MLC MLC	ALP ALP ALP ALP	East Metropolitan Armadale North Metropolitan South West	22 May 1993—21 November 1996 14 December 1996—20 July 2010 22 May 2017—21 May 2021 22 May 2021—10 February 2023
29	Barbara Mary Scott	MLC	Lib	South Metropolitan	22 May 1993—21 May 2009
30	Michelle Hopkins Roberts	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Glendalough Midland	19 March 1994—14 December 1996 14 December 1996—
31	Rhonda Kathleen Parker	MLA MLA	Lib Lib	Helena Ballajura	10 September 1994—14 December 1996 14 December 1996—10 February 2001
32	Megan Irene Anwyl	MLA	ALP	Kalgoorlie	16 March 1996—10 February 2001
33	Katina (Katie) Hodson-Thomas	MLA	Lib	Carine	14 December 1996—6 September 2008
34	Monica Rose Holmes	MLA	Lib	Southern River	14 December 1996—10 February 2001
35	Sheila Margaret McHale	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Thornlie Kenwick	14 December 1996—26 February 2005 26 February 2005—6 September 2008
36	Ljiljanna Maria Ravlich	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 1997—10 March 2015
37	Helen Margaret Hodgson	MLC	Dem	North Metropolitan	22 May 1997—21 May 2001
38	Giz Watson	MLC	GWA	North Metropolitan	22 May 1997—9 March 2013
39	Dr Christine (Chrissy) Sharp	MLC	GWA	South West	22 May 1997—21 May 2005
40	Dr Janet May Woollard	MLA	Ind	Alfred Cove	10 February 2001—9 March 2013
41	Margaret Mary Quirk	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Girrawheen Landsdale	10 February 2001—13 March 2021 13 March 2021—

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42	Carol Anne Martin	MLA	ALP	Kimberley	10 February 2001—9 March 2013
43	Jaye Amber Radisich	MLA	ALP	Swan Hills	10 February 2001—6 September 2008
44	Dianne Joy Guise	MLA	ALP	Wanneroo	10 February 2001—6 September 2008
45	Diane (Dee) Elizabeth Margetts	MLC	GWA	Agricultural	22 May 2001—21 May 2005
46	Louise Clare Pratt	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2001—29 October 2007
47	Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2001—
48	Catherine (Kate) Esther Doust	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2001—
49	Adele Farina	MLC	ALP	South West	22 May 2001—21 May 2021
50	Robyn Mary McSweeney	MLC	Lib	South West	22 May 2001—21 May 2017
51	Susan (Sue) Elizabeth Walker	MLA	Lib	Nedlands	9 June 2001—6 September 2008
52	Lynn Ellen MacLaren	MLC MLC	GWA GWA	South Metropolitan South Metropolitan	15 February 2005—21 May 2005 22 May 2009—21 May 2017
53	Judith (Judy) Hughes	MLA	ALP	Kingsley	26 February 2005—6 September 2008
54	Margaret Bernadette Rowe	MLC	Lib	Agricultural	22 May 2005—22 June 2007
55	Donna Evelyn Mary Faragher	MLC	Lib	East Metropolitan	22 May 2005—
56	Helen Margaret Morton	MLC	Lib	East Metropolitan	22 May 2005—21 May 2017
57	Shelley Frances Archer	MLC	Ind	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2005—22 May 2009
58	Sheila Mills	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2005—22 May 2009
59	Sally Elizabeth Talbot	MLC	ALP	South West	22 May 2005—
60	Wendy Maxine Duncan	MLC MLA	Nat Nat	Agricultural Kalgoorlie	29 January 2008—12 February 2013 9 March 2013—11 March 2017
61	Lisa Loraine Baker	MLA	ALP	Maylands	6 September 2008—
62	Janine Marie Freeman	MLA MLA	ALP ALP	Nollamara Mirrabooka	6 September 2008—9 March 2013 9 March 2013—13 March 2021
63	Liza Mary Harvey	MLA	Lib	Scarborough	6 September 2008—13 March 2021
64	Andrea Ruth Mitchell	MLA	Lib	Kingsley	6 September 2008—11 March 2017

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65	Rita Saffioti	MLA	ALP	West Swan	6 September 2008—
66	Shelley Elizabeth Eaton	MLC	ALP	Mining and Pastoral	17 September 2008—21 May 2009
67	Carolyn Anne Burton	MLC	ALP	North Metropolitan	17 September 2008—21 May 2009
68	Adele Simone Carles	MLA	GWA Ind GRN	Fremantle Fremantle	16 May 2009—9 March 2013
69	Elizabeth (Liz) Lloyd Behjat	MLC	Lib	North Metropolitan	22 May 2009—21 May 2017
70	Alyssa Kathleen Hayden	MLC MLA	Lib Lib	East Metropolitan Darling Range	22 May 2009—21 May 2017 23 June 2018—13 March 2021
71	Alison Marie Xamon	MLC MLC	GWA GWA	East Metropolitan North Metropolitan	22 May 2009—21 May 2013 22 May 2017—21 May 2021
72	Mia Jane Davies	MLC MLA	Nat Nat	Agricultural Central Wheatbelt	22 May 2009—12 February 2013 9 March 2013—
73	Helen Hong Hui Bullock	MLC	ALP	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2009—21 May 2013
74	Linda Rosemary Savage	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	23 March 2010—21 May 2013
75	Glenys Jenolan Godfrey	MLA	Lib	Belmont	9 March 2013—11 March 2017
76	Simone Frances McGurk	MLA	ALP	Fremantle	9 March 2013—
77	Josie Farrer	MLA	ALP	Kimberley	9 March 2013—13 March 2021
78	Eleni Evangel	MLA	Lib	Perth	9 March 2013—11 March 2017
79	Alanna Therese Clohesy	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2013—
80	Samantha Helen Rowe	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2013—
81	Amber Jade Sanderson	MLC MLA	ALP ALP	East Metropolitan Morley	22 May 2013—5 February 2017 11 March 2017—
82	Jacqui Ellen Boydell	MLC	Nat	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2013—21 May 2021
83	Elizabeth (Libby) Mettam	MLA	Lib	Vasse	18 October 2014—
84	Laine Courtney McDonald	MLC	ALP	North Metropolitan	11 October 2016—21 May 2017
85	Cassandra Michelle Rowe	MLA	ALP	Belmont	11 March 2017—

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86	Lisa Margaret O'Malley	MLA	ALP	Bicton	11 March 2017—
87	Emily Louise Hamilton	MLA	ALP	Joondalup	11 March 2017—
88	Jessica Mary Christine Stojkovski	MLA	ALP	Kingsley	11 March 2017—
89	Robyn Marjorie Jane Clarke	MLA	ALP	Murray-Wellington	11 March 2017—
90	Jessica Jane Shaw	MLA	ALP	Swan Hills	11 March 2017—
91	Sabine Elisabeth Winton	MLA	ALP	Wanneroo	11 March 2017—
92	Elise Maxine Irwin	MLC	Lib	North Metropolitan	4 April 2017—21 May 2017
93	Diane Marie Evers	MLC	GWA	South West	22 May 2017—21 May 2021
94	Rebecca Sue Stephens	MLA	ALP	Albany	13 March 2021—
95	Kim Elizabeth Giddens	MLA	ALP	Bateman	13 March 2021—
96	Christine Maelisa Tonkin	MLA	ALP	Churchlands	13 March 2021—
97	Jodie Louise Hanns	MLA	ALP	Collie-Preston	13 March 2021—
98	Lisa Anne Munday	MLA	ALP	Dawesville	13 March 2021—
99	Lara Dalton	MLA	ALP	Geraldton	13 March 2021—
100	Caitlin Mary Collins	MLA	ALP	Hillarys	13 March 2021—
101	Alison (Ali) Elizabeth Kent	MLA	ALP	Kalgoorlie	13 March 2021—
102	Divina Grace D'Anna	MLA	ALP	Kimberley	13 March 2021—
103	Meredith Jane Hammat	MLA	ALP	Mirrabooka	13 March 2021—
104	Dr Katrina Stratton	MLA	ALP	Nedlands	13 March 2021—
105	Hannah Mary Beazley	MLA	ALP	Victoria Park	13 March 2021—
106	Elizabeth (Jane) Jane Kelsbie	MLA	ALP	Warren-Blackwood	13 March 2021—
107	Shelley Nicole Payne	MLC	ALP	Agricultural	22 May 2021—
108	Sandra Anne Carr	MLC	ALP	Agricultural	22 May 2021—
109	Lorna Harper	MLC	ALP	East Metropolitan	22 May 2021—

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110	Rosetta (Rosie) Maria Sahanna	MLC	ALP	Mining and Pastoral	22 May 2021—
111	Ayor Makur Chuot	MLC	ALP	North Metropolitan	22 May 2021—
112	Klara Andric	MLC	ALP	South Metropolitan	22 May 2021—
113	Jacqueline Jarvis	MLC	ALP	South West	22 May 2021—
114	Sophia Moermond	MLC	LCWA	South West	22 May 2021—
115	Merome Beard	MLA	Lib	North West Central	17 September 2022—
116	Magenta Marshall	MLA	ALP	Rockingham	29 July 2023—
117	Louise Maree Kingston	MLC	Nat	South West Region	19 September 2023—

Notes

1. Since 1921, 117 women have been elected as Members of the Parliament of Western Australia.
2. MPs are listed in the order that they were sworn into the Parliament of Western Australia which is taken from Hansard, if the swearing in occurred on a sitting day.
3. The names in **bold** represent current MPs.

Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Dem	Australian Democrats
GWA	Greens (WA)
Ind	Independent
Ind GRN	Independent Green
LCWA	Legalise Cannabis Western Australia Party
Lib	Liberal Party
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
Nat	Nationals WA
Natl	Nationalist
NCP	National Country Party

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