

FOR FEMINIST ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY

A COMMUNITY ACTIVISM AWARD

Darelle was instrumental in organising the historic 1975 International Women's Day March in Wollongong, culminating in the formation of local women's groups, including the 1978 WOMEN'S CENTRE, the 1979 WOMEN'S STREET THEATRE GROUP, as well as lobbying against misogyny in the Wollongong *Mercury*.

Darelle organized Schools Commission funding for the CENTRE FOR GENDER EQUITY. Elected Women's Coordinator for the NSW Teachers Federation, she promoted affirmative action, maternity leave, equal employment, assertiveness training and sex-based harassment policies; actions which she continued as Principal of Rainbow Street School

She formed the RELINQUISHING MOTHERS' GROUP, lobbying for Adoption Act changes. She established the AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S PARTY and stood as a Senate candidate. She has published widely on gender issues and convenes the Greens WOMEN'S GROUP, currently campaigning on abortion reform.

Darelle Duncan's contribution to improving the status of women is brave and persistent. Her activism is accompanied by a deep theoretical feminist underpinning.



DARELLE DUNCAN

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