

FOR LEADING FEMINIST CHANGES
IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

A LEADERSHIP AWARD

Margaret Henry, until her very recent death, was Newcastle's leading feminist.

She was the prime mover in establishing the first course at the University of Newcastle that considered Australian history from a feminist perspective. She also formed the first association of women employees at the University to combat its rampant sexism; and was a driving force in establishing the University's highly successful ENABLING PROGRAM, to provide opportunities for mature aged women to gain entrance to university study.

Margaret also championed Indigenous and environmental issues, served two terms on the Newcastle City Council, and according to the *Newcastle Herald*, became 'one of the best known "get out and do it" people' in the city's public life. An organiser extraordinaire, her most recent campaign was to oppose the closure of the heavy rail line into the centre of Newcastle.

A warm, generous and feisty woman, Margaret Henry was a powerful and public force of unashamed and multi-faceted feminism in Newcastle.



MARGARET HENRY

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