

OBITUARY

The Honourable Ann Henderson
31 December 1941 – 4 June 2002

The Director, Board Members, and Staff of the Australian Institute of Family Studies were deeply saddened by the news of the death of Ann Henderson, Presiding Member of the Institute's Board of Management, on 4 June 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.

The Institute was indeed fortunate when Ann was appointed to its Board in July 2000. She made a valuable contribution, bringing to the task a wealth of experience, practical ideas, and positive and forward-looking leadership. Ann always maintained a keen interest and close involvement in the activities of the Institute. She very much liked catching up with staff, and particularly enjoyed chatting with individual members during informal lunches on days when Board meetings were held. In turn, Ann was well liked and highly regarded by staff, and greatly respected by everyone involved with the Institute.

Ann had an active and fulfilling life. Professionally, she is most well known for her role in Victorian politics. She won the seat of



Geelong in 1992, and was the Minister for Housing and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the Victorian government between 1996 and 1999. Among her many other activities over the years was her role as Executive Officer of the Geelong Art Gallery Foundation, and Executive Officer of the Geelong branch of the National Trust of Australia. She also served the community as Mayor of the City of Newtown.

The State Funeral held for Ann at St Mary of the Angels Church in Geelong on 12 June 2002 was attended by David Stanton, Director of the Institute. The very moving ceremony was both a fitting tribute to Ann's public contribution as well as a loving farewell from her family and friends. The singing by the Sacred Heart College Choir was especially beautiful.

Central to Ann's life was her family, and she was a proud and loving mother and devoted grandmother. We send to her family our sincere condolences.

She will be missed.