

CV: Professor Barbara Pocock AM
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I have worked in many jobs – at the Reserve Bank, in shearing sheds, advising politicians and governments, on farms, in unions, on Boards, and as a mother and carer. Economist and Emeritus Professor, Business School, UniSA. Two children, now 27 and 30. Researched work and employment for more than 35 years and founded and led the Centre for Work + Life at UniSA 2006-2014. Won the 2007 ‘society’ category of *The Bulletin’s* ‘Smart 100 Australians’. Awarded an AM in 2010 for services to industrial relations and advocacy of social justice. Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2006. Presented research to many community organisations, unions, governments & employers & in many countries and authored many articles and books, including *The Labour Market Ate My Babies*, *The Work/Life Collision*, *Living Low Paid in Australia*, and *Timebomb: Work, Rest and Play*.

EMPLOYMENT, ACTIVISM

- 2016-2020 Mothers for a Sustainable SA (MOSSA): campaigns against import of nuclear waste into SA
- 2019 Ran as Greens Candidate in the seat of Adelaide in the federal election (Adelaide Greens vote: 15.7%)
- 2014-2020 Public commentator, researcher, advocate on work, family, employment, women’s and gender issues
- 2014-2017 Cared for my parents with my siblings. (Both my parents died in 2017)
- 2015- Appointed Emeritus Professor, Business School, University of South Australia
- 2006-2014 Professor, Director, Centre for Work + Life, University of South Australia, founded and led the Centre.
- 2005 Don Dunstan Fellow, Don Dunstan Foundation, South Australia, Australia
- 2003-2007 Queen Elizabeth II, Research Fellow, University of Adelaide
- 2001-2002 Senior Policy Advisor to Natasha Stott-Despoja, Senate, Commonwealth Parl. Policy areas: work, women
- 1989-2006 Lecturer, Labour Studies, SACAE, which then amalgamated into University of Adelaide
- 1988-89 Researcher investigating work organisation in manufacturing, especially textiles, clothing and footwear
- 1986-88 Workers Rights Officer, Trades and Labor Council of South Australia, working with various unions
- 1985-86 Research Director: 'National Women's Access to Work thro TAFE' Project. Wrote book: *Demanding Skill*
- 1983-84 NSW Ministry of Employment - employment creation in Hunter region NSW see: [Saturday Paper](#) 4/7/20.
- 1981-83 Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, NSW Dept of Industrial Relations, working to increase women’s employment and training opportunities in resources ‘boom’ in Hunter Valley, NSW.
- 1979-1981 Research Officer, International Department, Reserve Bank of Australia.
- 1975-78 Economics degree, First Class Honours, University of Adelaide.
- 1973-4 Employed in shearing sheds, farms, fish factory in NZ and Australia. Attended Secretarial School.
- 1972 Year 12 - Norwood High School.
- 1969-71 Wilderness Girls School - boarder, years 9-11.
- 1960-68 Lameroo Area School - years 0-8.
- 1955 Born 22 March, Berri, SA. Grew up on Mallee farm near Lameroo, 200ks east of Adelaide

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS and BOARDS

- PhD, University of Adelaide, 1997: Thesis examining male power in Australian unions, its effects and how to combat it.
- Bachelor of Economics (Honours): 1st class honours, University of Adelaide, 1978. Thesis: Farm economies of scale
- Member, founder, Mothers for a Sustainable South Australia (MOSSA) (oppose nuclear dump in SA)
- Member of Board, The Australia Institute (2004-) (currently Deputy Chairperson)
- Member, Strategic Council, Climate Institute (Australia) (2008-2011)
- Co-convenor, founder: Work + Family Policy Roundtable (2007-2014). Brought together researchers from 15 universities to evaluate political parties’ policies against evidence in successive federal elections.
- Member of Economic Development Board of SA (2012-2016)
- Member of Board, Festival of Ideas, (2005-2009)
- President (2006), Secretary (2008) Association of Industrial Relations Academics of Australia and New Zealand
- Member of Board ABS Labour Statistics Advisory Council (2008-2011)
- SA Public Sector Performance Commission Advisory Board (2008-2010),
- Member of Board, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), 1991

BOOKS

- Pocock, Williams and Skinner (2012) *Time Bomb: Work, Rest and Play in Australia Today*, New South.
- Masterman-Smith and Pocock (2008) *Living Low paid: the Dark Side of Prosperous Australia* Allen & Unwin, Sydney
- Hill, Pocock and Elliott 2007, (ed) *Kids count: Better early childhood education and care in Australia* Sydney University Press.
- Pocock 2006, *The Labour Market Ate my Babies; Work, Children and a Sustainable Future*, Federation Press, Sydney
- Pocock 2003, *The Work/Life Collision; What Work is Doing to Australians and What to Do About it*, Federation Press, Sydney
- Pocock 1997, (ed) *Strife: Sex and Politics in Labour Unions*, Allen & Unwin, Sydney.
- Pocock 1988, *Demanding skill: women and technical education in Australia*, Allen & Unwin, Sydney.