

Ms Betty Dorothy Johnson

An honorary Master of Industrial Relations degree was conferred on Ms Betty Johnson by the Chancellor Emeritus Professor Dame Leonie Kramer at a graduation ceremony held on 27 March 1992 in the Great Hall.



Chancellor Emeritus Professor Dame Leonie Kramer with Ms Johnson, *photo, 'The University of Sydney News', 7 April 1992.*

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Ms Johnson's connection with the University goes back to 1966.

From 1980 until her retirement in 1991 she worked as Secretary in the Department of Government. As the elected representative of the general staff, she served as a Fellow of Senate from 1984 to 1991 and was active in representing the interests of her fellow employees.

In a citation read at graduation, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don McNicol said that Ms Johnson had given long and distinguished service to this University in many capacities. 'Her contributions to the welfare of her fellow members and to good labour management relations in the University were outstanding,' he said. 'She was a vigorous and determined negotiator, always seeking constructive solutions that served both her members and the wider interests of the University community. She was one of the prime movers in the development of the child care facilities on this campus and she worked tirelessly for the cause of equal employment opportunity.'

As an active member of a wide range of Senate committees, Ms Johnson made a major contribution to the governance of the University. 'Her skills, understanding, courage and knowledge of the inner workings of the University were invaluable in helping to resolve many important and difficult matters,' said Professor McNicol.

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