



# Suggestion 57

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## Aunty Marge Tucker

The new electorate should be named after Aunty Marge Tucker, a proud Aboriginal Activist.

Aunty Marge Tucker was one of Australia's most notable Aboriginal activists. There are currently no electorates named after Aboriginal women.

In 1932, Aunty Marge Tucker became treasurer of one of the country's first Aboriginal organisations — the Victorian Aborigines League. Her activities in the Aboriginal cause led to her being selected, with the then-Pastor Doug Nicholls and William Cooper, to represent the Victorian Aboriginal community during the "day of mourning", organised by the Aboriginal Progressive Association, at Australia's 150th anniversary celebrations in Sydney on Australia Day.

When World War II had arrived, the Aboriginal cause had virtually become forgotten. But Margaret was among those who took up the fight again in the post-war years and, in recognition of her work with Aboriginal organisations, she was awarded the MBE in 1968. Until her illness intervened some years ago, Marge continued to work with her people's organisations, as well as the Moral Re-Armament movement which she had encountered in 1956.

She is an amazing matriarchal elder and deserves recognition.