

John Norman "Jock" Nelson



Date of Birth: 28 May 1908

Place of Birth: Mt Perry Bundaberg Queensland

Parents: Harold G Nelson (unionist and the Northern Territory's first Federal Member of the House of Representatives)

Education: Pine Creek and Darwin

Spouse: Married Peg, 2 daughters

Military Service: Australian Imperial Force 1942-1945
Royal Australian Engineers

Employment History: Jackaroo and drilling contractor Northern Territory
Foundation ALP Member (elected) for Sturt in the first NT Legislative Council 1947-1949
ALP Member for NT House of Representatives 1949-1966
Member Commonwealth Parliament delegation at the Inauguration of Papua New Guinea Legislative Council 1951
Member Parliamentary Select Committee on Voting Rights of Aborigines 1961
Member Select Committee Arnhem Land Reserve 1963
Secretary Federal Parliamentary Labor Party 1956-1966
First Mayor of Alice Springs 1971-1973
Appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory 10 December 1973, the first Territorian to hold this office
Resigned 12 November 1975 to contest the Territory's Federal seat for Labor, (unsuccessful in his bid)

Subsequent Career: Settled in Alice Springs
Died in Alice Springs 20 June 1991

Honours and Awards: 1939-1945 Star
Pacific Star
War Medal
Australian Service Medal 1939-1945

Memorials: Nelson Terrace Alice Springs
Jock Nelson Centre Parsons Street Alice Springs