

The Australian Women's Register

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Marshall, Kirstie

(1969 -)

Nationality Australian

Born 21 April, 1969, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Occupation Parliamentarian, Skier

Summary

Australia's first world champion skier, Kirstie Marshall won seventeen World Cup gold medals. She was named Australian Skier of the Year six times and Victorian Sportswoman of the Year four times. A member of the Australian Labor Party, Marshall was elected as the Member for Forest Hill in the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria in 2002, and re-elected in 2006. She retired at the November 2010 election.

Details

Educated at Mentone Girls High School, Firbank Anglican Grammar School and Taylors College, Kirstie Marshall commenced skiing in 1986. In her first international season she was Australia's top ranking winter sportsperson, finishing 10th in the world. In 1992 she was crowned Grand Prix champion. Two years later Marshall was Australia's flag bearer at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer where she was placed sixth in the women's aerial skiing event – the nation's best Olympic result at the time. In 1997 Marshall became Australia's first world champion in a winter sport, and she competed in the Winter Olympics at Nagano in 1998. Marshall set several world records over the course of her skiing career and became the first woman in history to score over 100 points on a single competition jump.

Marshall was Director of the Olympic Winter Institute before being elected to the seat of Forest Hill in 2002, representing the Australian Labor Party (ALP). She was re-elected in 2006. Today, she is a Member of the Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee and is involved with over forty charities annually. A practiced public speaker, she makes regular television appearances.

Kirstie Marshall was awarded an OAM for her contribution to skiing and sports administration on the Queens Birthday Honour List in 2003. She is married with two children.

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