

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Forsythe, Patricia

(1952 - )

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 1 March, 1952, Newcastle New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Teacher

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### Summary

Patricia Forsythe was a member of the New South Wales Legislative Council from 1991 until 2006. A member of the Liberal Party, she first ran for parliament in 1984 in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Newcastle. She didn't run again until 1991 and was elected to the Legislative Council of New South Wales. She was re-elected in 1999. She resigned from parliament on 22 September 2006 to take up the position of Executive Director of the New South Wales Business Chamber.

### Details

Patricia Forsythe was born in Newcastle in 1952, the daughter of Jack and Peg Wingrove. She was educated at the Hunter Girls High School and the University of Newcastle, from which she graduated with BA, DipEd. She taught in secondary schools from 1974 to 1978 and from 1983 to 1986. She worked as Executive officer for the Australian Soft Drink Association 1987-1988 and for the minister for Local Government and Planning 1988-1991.

She was elected to the Legislative Council of New South Wales in 1991 and again in 1999.

Patricia Forsythe joined the Liberal Party as a schoolgirl in 1968, and held many positions in the organization.

She is married to David Forsythe and they have two children.

### Published resources

#### Book

Contemporary Australian Women 1996/97, 1996

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html>

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