

The Australian Women's Register

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Hopwood, Judith (Judy)

(1954 -)

Nationality Australian

Born 19 June, 1954, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Occupation Nurse, Parliamentarian

Summary

Judy Hopwood was successful at her first campaign where she was a Liberal Party candidate in the 2002 New South Wales Legislative Assembly Hornsby by-election. She was re-elected to the seat the following year during the full elections. She was re-elected again in 2007. She retired from Parliament at the 2011 election.

Details

Judy Hopwood is the daughter of William and Ruth Rasmussen. She was educated in Melbourne and trained in nursing Royal North Shore Hospital. Later she did postgraduate studies at the University of Technology Sydney. She held nursing positions in many areas, surgical, intensive care, medical etc) 1976-88, and was a Community nurse 1988-96.

She was Office manager/media advisor, to Federal Minister Philip Ruddock 1996-98 and became Executive Director of the Australian Podiatry Association 1998-2002. Judy Hopwood joined the Liberal Party in 1981 and has held many offices within the party, including branch and electorate conference president. She was President of the NSW Liberal Women's Forum from 1996 to 2000.

She was elected at a by-election in 2002, the first woman to win the seat of Hornsby. It was her first campaign as a candidate, though she had assisted with many others. Since her election she served on a number of committees.

She married Stephen Philip Hopwood in 1979, and they have two daughters,

Published resources

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2003, De Micheli, Catherine and Herd, Margaret, 2003

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>

Resource

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