

The Australian Women's Register

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Rankin, Genevieve

(1953 -)

Born 1 January, 1953, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Occupation Lecturer, Social worker

Summary

Genevieve Rankin's commitment to social justice, peace and the environment has directed her career in local government, education and community activism. She first ran for parliament in 1991 as an ALP candidate for the New South Wales Legislative Assembly seat of Sutherland. She re-contested the seat in 1995, but again failed. However Genevieve Rankin was successfully elected to the Sutherland Shire Council in 1991-2004 and was appointed Mayor from 1994-95.

Details

Genevieve Rankin grew up in the St George area of Sydney. She worked as a policy officer at the Australian Council of Social Service, and coordinator of Crossroads Community Care Centre at Miranda.

In 1995 she was a lecturer at the University of Western Sydney in Political economy, community work and industrial relations. She was the first President of the NSW Welfare Workers Union and President of the Milperra Branch of the Lecturers' Association of the NSW Teachers' Federation. Genevieve has been active in her community, in school, community, peace and environmental groups.

A long time member of the ALP, she has held a variety of positions at branch, FEC and SEC level.

As Mayor of Sutherland Shire Council, and later as a private citizen, Ms Rankin was active in opposing the new nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights, Sydney.

She is married to Des, and they have two children.

Published resources

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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