

The Australian Women's Register

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Robertson, Christine Mary

(1948 -)

Born 5 October, 1948, Wollongong New South Wales Australia

Occupation Nurse, Politician

Summary

A distinguished public health worker and country Labor activist, Christine Robertson maintained her interest in social justice and health care in the NSW Legislative Council. As an ALP candidate she contested the following elections:

New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Tamworth, 1988, 1991, 1995

NSW Legislative Council, 1999

NSW Legislative Council 2003 – elected.

Christine's political appointments included:

Temporary Chairman of Committees;

Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice; Member, Standing Committee on State Development; and Member, Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission. She retired in 2011.

Details

Christine Robertson was born in Wollongong and educated in country schools. She trained at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital 1966-69 and has worked as nurse at Royal Prince Alfred, Royal North Shore, South Sydney, St Vincent's and Tamworth Base hospitals 1969-1986.

She was Health Education Officer, New England Area Health Service, 1986-97; Manager Population Health, New England Health Service, 1997-98; Director, Population Health & Planning, and Research Institute, New England Area Health Service, 1998-2003. In 1990 she completed a B.Health Science.

Christine Robertson has been active in ALP from 1980, and has been a delegate to State and National Conferences. After her election to the Legislative Council of New South Wales, she was appointed its representative on the Council of the University of New England.

She married Richard Robertson in 1968 and they have two sons, Abe and James.

Published resources

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

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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