

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Saffin, Janelle Anne

(1954 - )

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**Born** 1 November, 1954, Ipswich Queensland Australia

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**Occupation** Businesswoman, Lawyer, Politician, Teacher

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### Summary

After working as a teacher, and small business person and being active in community services and local charity, Janelle Saffin stood unsuccessfully for the seat of Lismore (New South Wales Legislative Assembly) in 1991. However in 1995 she was elected to the Legislative Council of the New South Wales Parliament and remained in office until 2003. In 2007 she was elected to the House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament as the Member for Page, New South Wales and was re-elected in 2010, but was defeated the 2013 election. She joined the Australian Labor Party in 1982 and held senior positions in her local branch. Janelle was a delegate to Country and State conferences and was a member of the Corrective Services Advisory Council. She was also President of the North Coast Breast Screening Program and a committee member of the Northern Rivers Social Development Council.

She is married to Jim Saffin, and has one son and three stepsons. Janelle Saffin completed a Dip Prim T (Northern Rivers CAE), BLegalStud (Macq), and Mbus.

### Published resources

#### Resource

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#### Site Exhibition

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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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