

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Kirkby, Elisabeth

(1921 - )

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**Born** 26 January, 1921, Bolton United Kingdom

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**Occupation** Actor, Broadcaster, Farmer, Parliamentarian, Scriptwriter

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### Summary

Elizabeth Kirkby, a member of the Australian Democrats, was a Member of the directly elected Legislative Council. Date of Election 19 September 1981 and 25 May 1991. She served from 1981-1998. She was State Parliamentary Leader of the Democrats from 1981 – 1998.

Councillor of Temora Shire Council 1999 – 2004

Military Service: Auxiliary Territorial Service 1942-1945.

Elizabeth, who was granted retention of title of "Honourable" for life, worked as a Parliamentarian, actress, script writer, radio public affairs commentator and grazier. She became Australia's oldest university graduate at the age of 93 in 2014, when she was awarded a PhD from the University of Sydney.

### 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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