

The Australian Women's Register

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Lo Po', Faye

Occupation Parliamentarian

Summary

Fay Lo Po' retired in 2003 after a distinguished public career in NSW politics. A long time member of the Australian Labor Party, she served in local government (on the Penrith City Council) before winning the seat of Penrith in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in 1991. Lo Po was re-elected in 1995 and 1999. While an MP, she held a number of portfolios, including Minister for Women, Community Services, Fair Trading and Consumer Affairs. She was Shadow Minister for Housing in 1994-95 while the ALP were in opposition.

Fay Lo Po' was also heavily involved in local politics in the 1970s and 80s, culminating in a term as Mayor of the Penrith City Council in 1990-1991. She was Alderman of Prospect Electricity (1980-1987, 1991-1992) serving as Chair. From 1986-1987. She was Chair of the NSW Women's Advisory Council, a Member of the Metropolitan Waste Disposal Authority, Chair of the NSW Board of Adult Education and Patron of various groups. She was appointed an AM in 1984.

Details

Parliamentary and Local Government Career

Local Government

Member Penrith City Council 1971-74, 1980-95
Mayor Penrith 1990-91

State Government

Elected, New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Penrith 1991, 1995, 1999,
Shadow Minister for Housing, 1994-95
Minister for Consumer Affairs, 1995
Minister for Fair Trading, 1995-97
Minister for Women 1995 to 2003
Minister for Community Services, Aging and Disability Services, from 1997 to 2003

Retired 2003.

Published resources

Resource

Women Members of the NSW Parliament, Parliament of New South Wales,
<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/PHWebContent.nsf/PHPages/LibraryCompendiumwomenmp?OpenDocument>

Women Members of the Parliament of New South Wales, Robert Lawrie, Manager, New South Wales Parliamentary Archives,
<http://sites.archivenet.gov.au/nswparla/HTM%20pages/GuidePages/Women/members.htm>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2001, Herd, Margaret, 2000

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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