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Gillard, Julia Eileen

(1961 -)

Born	19610929, Barry Glamorgan Wales
Occupation	Lawyer, Parliamentarian, Prime Minister, Solicitor

Summary

On June 24, 2010, Julia Gillard became the first woman Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia and retained her position after the federal election, which was held on 21 August 2010. She led a minority Labor Government, supported by a member of the Greens party and three Independents. She lost the prime ministership on 27 June 2013, when Kevin Rudd challenged her for the position and won. She retired from parliament in August 2013.

Her career in parliamentary politics began when she was elected Member of the House of Representatives for Lalor (Victoria) in 1998 and re-elected in 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010. She became Deputy Leader of the Opposition (ALP) in December 2006. On the election of the Labor Government in November 2007, she assumed the position of Deputy Prime Minister and took on the portfolios of Employment and Workplace Relations, Education and Social Inclusion.

In 2017, Julia Gillard was made a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia ‘for eminent service to the Parliament of Australia, particularly as Prime Minister, through seminal contributions to economic and social development, particularly policy reform in the areas of education, disability care, workplace relations, health, foreign affairs and the environment, and as a role model to women.’

Details

Educated at Unley High School (SA) and the Universities of Adelaide and Melbourne, Julia Gillard worked as a solicitor with Slater and Gordon from 1987 to 1990, when she became a partner with the firm. In 1996, Gillard became Chief-of-Staff to John Brumby (then Leader of the Victorian Opposition) and retained her position until her election to federal parliament in 1998.

Gillard has served as Shadow Minister for Population and Immigration (November 2001 to July 2003); Shadow Minister for Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs (February 2003 to July 2003); Shadow Minister for Health (July 2003 to December 2006); and Manager of Opposition Business (December 2003 to December 2006). She became Deputy Leader of the Opposition in December 2006. In 2010 she became Prime Minister of Australia.

Events

2017 - 2017
Appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)

2017 - 2017
Appointed Chair of Beyond Blue

2014 - 2014
Appointed chairwoman of the Global Partnership for Education focussed on the education of children in the world’s poorest countries

2014 - 2014
Appointed to the Board of the mental health institution beyondblue

1961 - 1961
Born: daughter of John Oliver and Moira Gillard

1996 - 1998
Chief of Staff to Leader of the Opposition John Brumby

2006 - 2007
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

2007 - 2010
Deputy Prime Minister

1998 - 1998
Elected Member House of Representatives (MHR) for the Australian Labor Party (ALP) for the Victorian electorate of Lalor

2013 - 2013
Honorary Visiting Professor of Politics at the University of Adelaide

1980 - 1980
Member, Adelaide University Union

1993 - 1997
Member, Administrative Committee, Victorian Branch of the Australian Labor Party

1982 - 1983
Member, National Let's Develop Education Committee, Victorian Branch of the Australian Labor Party

1990 - 1996
Partner, Slater & Gordon Solictors

1981 - 1981
President, Adelaide University Union

1983 - 1983
President, Australian Union of Students

2010 - 2013
Prime Minister of Australia

2003 - 2006
Shadow Minister for Health

2001 - 2003
Shadow Minister for Population and Immigration

2003 - 2003
Shadow Minister for Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs

1987 - 1990
Solictor, Slater & Gordon Solictors

1982 - 1982
Vice-President, National Education Australian Union of Studies

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