

The Australian Women's Register

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Evans, Beryl Alice

(1922 - 2006)

Born 22 February, 1922, Rockdale New South Wales Australia

Died 16 May, 2006, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Occupation Parliamentarian, Servicewoman

Summary

Beryl Evans was a Liberal Member of the Legislative Council in the New South Wales parliament from 1984-1995. She later ran unsuccessfully for the Senate as an independent, and for the New South Wales Legislative Council as a member of the Seniors Party. She was an official candidate for the 1998 Constitutional Convention, representing the One Australian Monarchist League, but was not elected.

During World War Two, Evans served in the Royal Auxiliary Australian Air Force with distinction. She became president of the WAAAF Branch of the RAAF Association New South Wales Division on 25 March 1997.

Details

Parliamentary and Local Government Career

Candidate: New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Burrendong, 1973 (known as Bowman)

Elected: MLC, 1984-1995 (known as Evans)

Candidate: Senate, NSW, 1996

Candidate: Legislative Council, 1999 (known as Evans)

Party: Liberal, 1973,1984-95

Party: Independent, 1996

Party: The Seniors Party, 1999

Beryl Evans was elected as a Liberal Member of the New South Wales Legislative Council in 1984. During her 11 years of service she was chairman of the Privileges committee and a member of the Stay Safe committee. From 1990 to 1991 Evans was Government Whip. Upon her retirement in 1995 Her Majesty the Queen granted the title of the Honourable to Beryl Evans for life.

On 12 November 1942 Evans joined the Royal Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Serving as a drill instructor and physical training instructor she obtained the ranks of corporal and sergeant before being commissioned in 1944. Beryl Evans was discharged on 25 September 1945 with the rank of section officer.

Beryl Evans became president of the WAAAF Branch of the RAAF Association NSW Division on 25 March 1997. She is a vice-president of the RAAF Association, a member of the Council and executive and national executive representative to Australian Veteran Defence Services Council.

Events

1962 - 1971

Councilor for Coolah Shire

1942 - 1945

Served with the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force

1984 - 1995

Member of the Legislative Council (Liberal) for New South Wales

1976 - 1976

Married: Richard Kelywack Evans

1981 - 1981

Graduated with Economic Degree from University of New England

1944 - 1944

Married: Kenneth Graham Bowman and they had two sons

1988 - 1995

Government representative on the Governing Body of the University of New England

Published resources

Resource Section

BOWMAN, BERYL ALICE, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=R&VeteranID=1069578>

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia, 1988, Cadman, Kerith A, 1988

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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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