Entry type: Person
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Kokocinski, Licia

(1951 -)

Born	19511008, Aquileia Italy
Occupation	Local government councillor, Mayor, Parliamentarian, Politician

Summary

A member of the Australian Labor Party, Licia Kokocinski served as the member for Melbourne West Province in the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament from 1988-96. She was the first woman from a non-English speaking background to be elected to the Victorian parliament.

Details

Daughter of Enzo Snidero and Liliana Maiarli, Licia moved to Australia with her family in 1954. She completed her secondary education at Hadfield High School, the Council of Adult Education and University High School and her tertiary education at the University of Melbourne, where she completed a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in 1984. She married Leszek Kokocinski on 23 May 1970 and had three children, two sons and one daughter.

Before her entry into the Victorian Parliament she worked as an Equal Opportunity Project Officer.

After leaving politics, Kokocinski served as the national policy director for the ARPA Over 50s Association.[9] Most recently, she has served as the Executive Director of disability rights organisation Action on Disabilities within Ethnic Communities. She was added to the Victorian Woman’s Honour Roll in 2007.[10]

On 8 April 2019, Kokocinski was elected as a Councillor of the Shire of Hepburn in a by-election representing the Coliban Ward. After serving in the role for a few months, she was subsequently elected as Mayor for the 2019-2020 year.

Events

2007 - 2007
Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Book
Victorian Parliamentary Handbook / prepared by direction of the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 1989

Edited Book
Who's Who in Australia 1998, Neto, Maryanne (researcher), 1997

Site Exhibition
Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,
http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html

Resource
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