Entry type: Person
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Berzin, Vivienne Patricia

Occupation Housewife, Political candidate, Psychiatric nurse

Summary

Vivienne Berzin, an Australia Party candidate, contested three elections in two years, and never ran again. She was a candidate in the 1972 House of Representatives for Mitchell then in 1973 ran in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for both Northcott and Hawkesbury (by election).

Details

Vivienne Berzin was orphaned when she was five years old and was brought up in a church home. She became a psychiatric nurse and a bookbinder. After her marriage, she returned to school and obtained her School Certificate.
Vivienne Berzin was one of the pioneers of the Women against the Airport movement, and when she ran for Mitchell in 1972, opposition to an airport at Richmond was one of her main campaign points. At the time of the election, she was studying accountancy.
When she ran for the Australia Party in the Hawkesbury by-election, she campaigned primarily on environmental issues, complaining that the Hawkesbury River was becoming a drain for the western suburbs 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,
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