Entry type: Person
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Birch, Jenni

(1955 -)

Born	19550913, Hamilton Victoria Australia
Occupation	Farmer, Teacher

Summary

Jennie Birch was a once only candidate for election and is well known in the developing olive oil industry in Australia. She represented the Australian Democrats in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly for Barwon in 1991. She failed to be elected.

Details

Jenni Birch was born in Victoria in 1945 and graduated BA, Dip Ed From Melbourne University, majoring in politics. She taught for the Victorian Department of Education for two years. After she moved to New South Wales she worked as a Community Liaison officer for the New South Wales Department of Education, and more recently, has been a part-time teacher of literacy and numeracy at the Moree College of TAFE.

She is married to Peter Birch and they have two children. In 1983 the Birches settled out of Moree in north-western New South Wales and in partnership with Will and Margi Kirkby, established Gwydir Grove Olive Oil. Peter held a Churchill Fellowship in 2002. And Jenni accompanied him on his study of olive growing and processing. By 2005 they had established the largest table olive processing plant in Australia.

Gwydir Grove Olives has participated in the Anuga International Food Fair in Cologne, Germany and been part of the NSW Exhibition at the Fancy Food Show in San Francisco in January 2005, and is expected to exhibit in Seoul, South Korea in October-November 2005.

Published resources

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,
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