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Gow, Heather Oxley

(1929 - 1997)

Born	19290101
Died	19970319
Occupation	Administrator, Civil celebrant, Statistician

Summary

Heather Gow was a Liberal Party member who only ran for election to Parliament once: in 1981 in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly seat of Seven Hills. She had more luck at the local council level where she was elected to the Blacktown City Council from 1974-1977 and was Deputy Mayor from 1975-76.

Details

Heather Gow was educated at North Sydney Girls High School and she went on to be the first woman elected Deputy Mayor of Blacktown Council (1975-76).

Heather was a civil marriage celebrant and at the time of her campaign was a widow. In 1981, she had begun a communication course as an external student, but she had previously worked as a statistician and had spent 25 years in administration.

Published resources

Book
Women in Australian Parliament and Local Government: An updated history 1975-1992, Decker, Dianne, 1992

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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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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