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# Hancock, Shelley Elizabeth

(1951 - )

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| **Occupation** | Parliamentarian, Teacher |

## Summary

Shelley Hancock was a Liberal Party candidate who was elected to parliament at her first attempt in 2003. She became the Member for South Coast in the South Wales Legislative Assembly. She was re-elected in 2007, 2011 and 2015. In 2016 she was the Speaker in the Legislative Assembly, the first female to assume this position.

Prior to this she was a successful local councillor, having been Alderman at the Shoalhaven Council from 1987-2001 and Deputy Mayor 2000-01.

## Details

Shelley Hancock grew up in Chatswood, one of two daughters. She was educated at Chatswood and Artarmon Primary Schools and North Sydney Girls' High School. She also completed a B.A. at the University of Sydney.

She has lived in the Milton area for nearly thirty years. She taught English, History and Drama at Ulladulla High School for 26 years while also being a partner with her husband, Ossie, in a small business in the tourism industry (motel and horse-riding) at Milton.

She has three children, all educated at local schools and involved in local activities.

## 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,
http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html

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