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Harris, Cornelia Donata Eva Johanna

(1958 -)

Born	19580419, Bremen Germany
Occupation	Environmentalist, Medical practitioner

Summary

Conny Harris was a once-only candidate, whose bid for election was based on her interest in the protection of the environment. She stood for the Australian Greens in the 2003 New South Wales Legislative Assembly elections for Davidson.

Details

Conny Harris was born and educated in Germany, receiving medical degrees from the Universities of Freiberg and Hamburg. She has worked as a doctor in Germany, England, and Australia, and passed her Australian Medical Council Examination in 1994.

She is a long-term activist in local community issues concerning bushland and wildlife, urban and non-urban development, improvement of health and waste reduction.
She has a wide knowledge of local flora and fauna, especially eucalypts, and lectures on this to the Australian Plant Society. She is also a member of the National Parks Threatened Species Committee.

In 1999 she received a grant for educating local schoolchildren in native plant identification and bush regeneration.
She was director of the Manly Food Cooperative, from 1998-2002, and was appointed community representative on the Northern Region Waste Management Board in 2000. She founded the Farigal Landcare Group in 2001. Her ongoing interests in organic food, bush regeneration and environmental health continue to spark new projects.

She and her partner have three children, and Conny works at Mona Vale Hospital, in northern 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,
http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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