

The Australian Women's Register

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Judge, Dianne Virginia

Occupation Councillor, Mayor, Parliamentarian, Teacher

Summary

Virginia Judge was a successful local and state ALP politician and was the first woman to be elected for the seat of Strathfield in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in 2003. She was re-elected in 2007, but was defeated at the 2011 election.

She was a Councillor with the Strathfield Municipal Council from 1995-2004 and Mayor from 2001-03.

Details

Virginia Judge was born in Cooma, where her father worked as a surveyor on the Snowy Mountain Scheme. She was educated in Canberra, graduating with a B.Ed. With a double music major from the Canberra School of Music.

After graduation Virginia worked as a teacher in primary and secondary schools in Sydney and Canberra, and taught at the Evondale Special School in Croydon for students with intellectual disabilities. She also worked as an Australian volunteer abroad for the Overseas Service Bureau in Tonga and later in the Solomon Islands and Fiji.

Back in Sydney, Virginia worked in real estate, qualifying for her real estate licence. She was also studying Law part-time at Macquarie University prior to her election to the Legislative Assembly.

She is married and has three daughters.

Virginia Judge is the first woman to be elected for Strathfield.

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>

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