

The Australian Women's Register

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Paluzzano, Karyn Lesley

Occupation Local government councillor, Politician, Teacher

Summary

Karyn Paluzzano was a successful woman ALP candidate in the seat of Penrith. She was first elected to that seat in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in 2003. She was re-elected in 2007, but resigned from the Parliament on 7 May 2010 as a result of allegations against her of falsely claiming parliamentary allowances and of giving false and misleading evidence to an anti-corruption inquiry.

Prior to this she was a member of the Penrith City Council (1999-2004).

Details

Karyn Paluzzano was educated at Glenbrook Primary School, Nepean High School, and the University of Western Sydney. She has taught at local schools in Emu Plains, Mt. Druitt and Werrington, and worked as a Senior Education Officer with the Department of School Education. She has also lectured at the Australian Catholic University; the University of Western Sydney, Penrith; and the University of Technology, Sydney.

Elected to the Penrith City Council in 1999, she helped establish and provide funding for the Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre, and to secure sponsorship for the Penrith Regional Gallery. She also strongly supported the Railway Street Q Theatre and the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. Karyn has been a delegate to the Local Government Association and is a member of the ALGWA. She has been an active member of her community for many years, supporting the Kingswood Lions Club and various local sporting clubs.

Karyn is married to Robert Paluzzano, and they have three children: Edward, Victoria and Elizabeth.

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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