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Kirkby, Elisabeth

(1921 - 2026)

Born	19210126, Bolton United Kingdom
Died	20260420, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Actor, Broadcaster, Farmer, Parliamentarian, Scriptwriter

Summary

Elisabeth Kirkby, a member of the Australian Democrats, was a member of the directly elected New South Wales Legislative Council from 19 September 1981 to 25 June 1998 and was State Parliamentary Leader of the Democrats for that period. For a complete record of her parliamentary service see the link to the New South Wales Parliament below. After leaving State Parliament she served as a Councillor of Temora Shire Council from 1999 to 2004.

Military Service: Auxiliary Territorial Service 1942-1945.

Elisabeth, who was granted retention of title of 'Honourable' for life, worked as a parliamentarian, actor, script writer, radio public affairs commentator and grazier. She became Australia's oldest university graduate at the age of 93 in 2014, when she was awarded a PhD from the University of 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

Article

Elisabeth Kirkby: Wikipedia entry,
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The Hon. Elisabeth Kirkby, OAM (1921 - 2026),

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