

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE4229

Sheldon, Joan Mary

(1943 -)

Born 19430429, Bundaberg Queensland Australia

Occupation Parliamentarian, Physiotherapist

Summary

A member of the Liberal Party of Australia, Joan Sheldon was elected to the Parliament of Queensland at a by-election which was held for the seat of Landsborough in 1990. She was the third woman to be elected to the Queensland Parliament and the first outside Brisbane. In the electoral redistribution before the 1992 election, Joan Sheldon stood successfully for the new seat of Caloundra and remained the Member until her retirement in 2004. On her election to the leadership of the Parliamentary Liberal Party on 11 November 1991, she gained the distinction of becoming the first woman to lead a political party in Queensland and the first to lead a Liberal Party in Australia. She held that position until June 1998. During her period in parliament she served as Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts and Women's Policy from February 1996 until June 1998. She was Deputy Coalition Leader from November 1992 until June 1998.

Published resources

Resource

Women in the Queensland Parliament 1929-1994, McCulloch, John, 1994,
<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/publications/documents/research/backgroundBriefs/1994/BIB27.pdf>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

National Library of Australia

[Biographical cuttings on Joan Sheldon, politician, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

Author Details

Rosemary Francis

Created 3 August 2009

Last modified 3 August 2009