

The Australian Women's Register

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Edwardes, Cheryl Lynn

(1950 -)

Born 19500301, Mount Hawthorn Western Australia Australia

Occupation Attorney General, Lawyer, Parliamentarian, Solicitor

Summary

Cheryl Edwards was a Liberal Party of Australia member of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly. Elected to the Thirty-third Parliament of Western Australia for Kingsley (new seat) on 4 February 1989, she was re-elected in 1993, 1996, 2001. She did not contest the general election of 2005.

Details

Cheryl Duschka was born in 1950 at Mount Hawthorn, Perth, Western Australia, to Warren Duschka, a carpenter, and his wife Betty. She attended Tuart Hill Primary and Senior High School, then studied Law at the University of Western Australia, where she was awarded the Criminal Law Prize in 1980. She married Colin Edwardes in 1973. Cheryl Edwardes worked as a solicitor from 1984 to 1986, and entered Parliament in 1989 when elected to the Legislative Assembly for Kingsley. She was re-elected in 1993, 1996 and 2001, and did not contest the general election of 2005. In 1993, Edwardes became the first female Attorney General to be appointed in Western Australia.

She was appointed a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia in June 2016 for significant service to the people and Parliament of Western Australia, to the law and to the environment, and through executive roles with business, education and community organisations. In January 2025 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to the law and social justice, to resource management and environmental sustainability, to business, and to the community.

Published resources

Edited Book

Biographical Register of Members of the Parliament of Western Australia, Vol. 2, 1930-1990, Black, David and Bolton, Geoffrey, 1990

Book Section

Making a Difference: Women in the West Australian Parliament 1921-1999, Black, David and Phillips, Harry, 2000

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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