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# Edwards, Judith (Judy) Mary

(1955 - )

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| **Born** | 19550410, Beverley Western Australia Australia |
| **Occupation** | Doctor, Parliamentarian |

## Summary

Judith Edwards was an Australian Labor Party member of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia. She was elected to the Thirty-third Parliament of Western Australia for Maylands at the by-election on 26 May 1990, held to fill the vacancy consequent upon the resignation of Hon. Peter M'Callum Dowding. Re-elected in 1993, 1996, 2001, 2005 she did not contest the general election of 6 September 2008.

## Details

Judith Mary Edwards was born in 1955 in Beverley, Western Australia, to Brian and Patricia Edwards, a farmer and nurse respectively. Edwards completed her secondary education at Loreto Convent, Claremont, and graduated from the University of Western Australia as a medical practitioner. Undertaking study towards a Masters degree in public health, she began practicing in the Mount Lawley area of Perth, and became involved with a number of community-based health services, including the Sexual Assault Referral Centre and the Aboriginal Medical Service. After joining the Australian Labor Party, Edwards entered the Legislative Assembly in the Western Australian Parliament for the seat of Maylands after the by-election of 26 May 1990, held to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Hon. Peter Dowding. She was re-elected in 1993, 1996, 2001, 2005, and did not contest the general election of 6 September 2008.

Dr Judy Edwards was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2024 for significant service to the people and Parliament of Western Australia, and to the community.

## Published resources

**Book**
We Hold Up Half the Sky: The Voices of Western Australian ALP Women in Parliament, Watson, Judyth [ed.], 1994

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

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