

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Jackson, Judith Louise (Judy)

(1947 -)

Born	19470831, Hobart Tasmania Australia
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Occupation	Attorney General, Lawyer, Parliamentarian
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Summary

A member of the Australian Labor Party, Judy Jackson was elected to the House of Assembly in the Tasmanian Parliament representing the electorate of Denison in 1986. During her parliamentary career, she held the ministerial portfolios of Health and Human Services from 1998 to 2002 and Attorney-General from 2002 until her retirement in 2006.

Details

Educated at Glenorchy Primary School and Hobart High School, Judy Jackson graduated from the University of Tasmania with a BA, DipEd and LLB. She worked as a secondary school teacher (1969-1983) and as a lawyer with the Crown Law Department (1984-1985) before launching a political career in 1986.

Jackson was the Shadow Spokesperson for Health from 1986 to 1989. In 1989 she was appointed Minister for Community Services and Minister for Parks, Wildlife and Heritage and in 1991 became Minister for Roads and Transport. She held these portfolios until 1992.

Leader of the Opposition in the House from 1992 to 1996, she was also Shadow Minister for Social Justice (1993-1995); Parks, Wildlife and Heritage (1993-1996); Environment and Planning (1994-1996); Local Government (1995-1996); Status of Women (1996-1998); Justice (1996-1998); and Shadow Attorney General (1996-1998). In 2002 she became Attorney-General in Tasmania. Her community interests included being on the boards of Euphrasia and Glenorchy Skillshare.

She was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2023 for significant service to the people and Parliament of Tasmania.

Published resources

Resource Section

Hon. Judy JACKSON MHA, Electorate: DENISON, Inaugural speech: 19 March 1986, Jackson, Judy, 2001, <http://web.archive.org/web/20010305221140/http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ha/ISJacksonJudy.htm>

Judith (Judy) Louise Jackson, 2009, http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/programs_and_services/tasmanian_honour_roll_of_women/inductees/2009/jackson||_ju

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

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>

Archival resources

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[\[Biographical cuttings on Judy Jackson, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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