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Kosky, Lynne

(1958 - 2014)

Born	19580902, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	20141204, Williamstown Victoria Australia
Occupation	Mayor, Parliamentarian

Summary

Lynne Kosky was elected Member (ALP) for Altona in 1996. On the election of the Labor Government at the 1999 Victorian state election, she held the portfolios of Finance, and later Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment. After her re-election at the 2002 state election, she was appointed the Minister for Education and Training. She was re-elected at the 2006 state election and held the portfolios of Public Transport and Minister for the Arts. In January 2010 she resigned from the parliament, citing serious family health problems as the reason for her resignation. She died at Williamstown on 4 December 2014.

Details

In 1980, Kosky graduated from Melbourne University with a Bachelor of Social Work. In 1981 she commenced work for the Victorian Education Department as a Social worker and from 1982 to 1986 was a Community Education Officer. In 1987 Kosky became a Policy Adviser for the Department of Youth Affairs and from 1989 to 1990 was Community Liaison Officer for the Melbourne Olympic Committee.
Kosky worked as a Ministerial Adviser for Community Services Victoria from 1990 to 1992, as well as being a Member for the Coode Island Review Panel from 1991 to 1992. In 1993 she was Executive Officer for Westgate Community Initiatives Group. From 1994 to 1996 she was a member of the Immigration Review Tribunal and in 1995 was also a Lecturer in Public Administration at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. During her time as the ALP member for Altona in 1996, Kosky served on the Federal-State Relations All Party Parliamentary Committee (1996-1999), Member of the Cabinet Expenditure Review Committee, Chair of the Future Jobs and Skills Cabinet Sub-Committee, Joint Ministerial Co-ordinator of the Growing Victoria Together Summit and Deputy Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Skills Taskforce. Kosky was Shadow Minister for Employment, Tertiary Education and Training and Youth Affairs in 1999.
From 1986 to 1990, Kosky was a Councillor for Footscray City Council, and served a year as Mayor in 1988.

Married to Jim, they had two children, Hana and Jack. Kosky's interests included: gardening, painting, family and keeping fit.

Sources: *http://www.vic.alp.org.au/people/altona.html accessed 10/10/01; http://home.victorianlabor.org/lkosky accessed 10/10/01*

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