

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE0175

Gash, Joanna

(1944 -)

Born	21 July, 1944, Groningen Netherlands
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Occupation	Parliamentarian
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Summary

A member of the Liberal Party of Australia, Joanna Gash was elected to the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Australia as the Member for Gilmore, New South Wales, in 1996. She was re-elected in 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010.

Details

Joanna Gash obtained a Diploma of Tourism and Hospitality from the Institute of Administration (Sydney), and has held positions including Regional Manager, Tourism Commission of NSW (Outer Sydney Region); Director, Southern Highlands Tourism Agency; Consultant, Macarthur Country Tourist Association and Guest house co-proprietor. She is a former Councillor with the Wingecarribee Shire Council where she chaired the Works and Town Planning Committee from 1991 to 1995.

She has been Mayor of the City of Shoalhaven since 2012. Gash has also served as president of the NSW Council of Tourist Associations; director of the Restaurant and Caterer's Association of NSW; delegate to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Board; delegate to the Women's Consultative Committee; delegate to the Domestic Violence Council, NSW; and Chairman of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. During her parliamentary service she was Government Whip from 2001 to 2008; a member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training (from 30 May 1996); Chair of the Coalition Defence and Veterans' Affairs Committee; Chair of the Australian Egypt Parliamentary Group and Deputy Chair of the Australian Parliamentary Christian Fellowship.

Gash has two daughters and enjoys reading, theatre and golf.

Events

2017 - 2017

Received for significant service to the Parliament of Australia, to local government, and to the community of Shoalhaven.

Published resources

Edited Book

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

Resource Section

Mrs Joanna Gash MP, Member for Gilmore (NSW), Australian Parliament House,
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/members/biography.asp?id=AK6>

Women in the Party, Liberal Party of Australia NSW Division,
http://www.nsw.liberal.org.au/women_in_politics/women_in_politics/women_in_the_party.html

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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