

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE1643

## Leatch, Daphne May

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Occupation** Environmentalist, Political candidate

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### Summary

May Leatch is a leading environmentalist in the Shoalhaven area of New South Wales. She was also an avid Australian Greens supporter who ran for them in the following elections: House of Representatives, Gilmore seat, in 1993 and New South Wales Legislative Assembly, South Coast seat, in 1995.

### Details

May Leatch is a resident of Nowra, NSW and has been a long time campaigner on many local environmental, planning and heritage issues, including Jervis Bay, Welcome Reef Dam and Bombaderry Creek. She works with the NSW Historic Houses Trust and manages "Meroogal", one of the Trust's most interesting properties. May is a member of the Australian Conservation Foundation's Shoalhaven Branch.

She waged a twelve year fight to save Bombaderry Creek Bushland, which she described as a recreational and educational resource and an amazing gem. It is the only place in the world where the Bombaderry Zeiria is known to grow.

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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