Julia Gillard profile

■ **1961:** Born in Wales, UK, migrates to Australia with parents at age four

■ **1990:** Becomes partner in law firm in Greater Melbourne, specialising in area of industrial relations

■ **1998:** Elected to parliament as Labour member for Lalor

■ **2007:** *Kevin Rudd's* Labor Party sweeps to power in landslide victory over Liberals under *John Howard*

■ **2007-10:** As well as being deputy prime minister, holds three distinct portfolios as minister for education; employment and workplace relations; and social inclusion

■ **Jun 24, 2010:** Becomes Australia's first woman prime minister after Rudd steps down, as Labor government seeks to avoid election defeat later this year by changing leaders