

Beth Schultz was born in Queensland and arrived in Perth in 1970 after studying in France for two years and working and studying in the USA for 10 years.

In 1975, in response to the threat posed to WA's forests by the native forest woodchip industry, she became a founding member of the Campaign to Save Native Forests (WA) and co-convener of the South-West Forests Defence Foundation Inc., WA's first forest conservation groups.

Since then she has been involved in the campaign for the better use and management of WA's native forests, including the successful campaigns to have the Shannon River Basin gazetted as a national park and old growth forest protected.

In the late 1970s, Beth became a delegate to the Conservation Council of WA before being elected to its Executive. She served as the Council's president from 1992 to 1995 and is now vice-president. She has been the Council's spokesperson on forests, forestry, woodchipping, and fire in the natural environment since the 1980s.

In 2007 Beth was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to conservation and the environment in Western Australia.