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# Walsh, Nonee

**Occupation** Journalist, Radio Journalist, Television Journalist

## Summary

In 2003, Nonee Walsh was a passenger on a train that derailed at Waterfall near Sydney, New South Wales. Suffering personal injuries she was trapped in the train. After her rescue, guided by her colleague Michelle Brown, she still managed to report on the news that was unfolding around her. That lead to them jointly winning a Walkley Award (Radio) for news reporting in 2003. Her colleague wrote about the events when they were featured in a play produced for the tenth anniversary of the crash in 2013.

Walsh is currently (2017) the website reporter and editor for the International Association of Women in Radio and Television, a NGO supporting women in media on gender issues and women's rights.

## Details

Nonee Walsh was a journalist with ABC radio for 29 years, working in radio news, current affairs rural, and Radio National. She began her radio career in university public radio 5UV, by turning her Anthropology study into a radio series; 'Prostitution in Adelaide'. From the 1980's she was based in the ABC's Sydney Newsroom, and covered the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and Chamberlain Royal Commissions and the NSW 'Independent Commission Against Corruption' before turning towards science and environment journalism. She has conducted journalist training and coordinated the ABC's Science media fellows programme.

From 2001 onward, she reported for ABC radio and online on two prominent business corruption inquiries, the James Hardie asbestos compensation funding issue, and the 2006 Inquiry into AWB and the UN Oil for Programme. In 2015 she was awarded a Master of Arts (Research) from the University of Sydney for a thesis on that inquiry, 'Mediating justice: investigating the media framing of the 2006 Cole inquiry.'

She ceased broadcasting on the ABC in 2014, and began working for IAWRT in 2015.

## Events

**2003 - 2003**
Radio News Reporting – Waterfall Train Crash – Australian Broadcasting Corporation

## Published resources

**Article**
Shock and grief: Reporter reflects on the Waterfall train derailment, Brown, Michelle, 2013,
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Mediating justice: investigating the framing of the 2006 Cole inquiry, Walsh, Nonee, 2015,
http://hdl.handle.net/2123/13566

**Site Exhibition**
The Women's Pages: Australian Women and Journalism since 1850, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,
http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html

**Resource**
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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