

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE2780

Wilkinson, Marian

(1954 -)

Born	19540101
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Occupation	Journalist, Print journalist, Television Journalist
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Summary

Marian Wilkinson won a Walkley Award in 1989 for Best TV Current Affairs reporting, while working for the program *Four Corners*. In *True Believers* she interviewed four Liberal Party MPs after the Andrew Peacock leadership 'coup' that removed John Howard from the Liberal leadership. The judges commented in 1989 that she provided a 'new angle on the story...it was well presented...with unbelievable interviews. The impact of this programme is still being felt on the national political scene'.

Details

Marian Wilkinson was brought up in Brisbane and graduated from Queensland University. She helped set up Brisbane's first alternative FM Radio Station, 4ZZZ-FM, and helped run its first newsroom. She was hired by *The National Times* in Sydney covering politics and organised crime before becoming the paper's Washington Correspondent. On her return to Australia she joined ABC Television's *Four Corners* as a reporter and later became the program's executive producer. Since then she has worked at *The Australian* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* in reporting and editing roles. In 2002 she was appointed Washington Correspondent for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Melbourne Age* and reported the 2004 presidential campaign. She returned to the *Herald* in Sydney as a senior reporter covering national security and Cole inquiry into the Oil for Food scandal.

She is the author of several books on Australian politics including: *The Fixer*, *the Unauthorised Biography of Graham Richardson* and *Dark Victory* with David Marr. She has received numerous awards for her journalism including a Walkley and a Logie.

Events

1989 - 1989

Best Television Current Affairs Report – 'True Believers', Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Published resources

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

Archival resources

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (Australia) - records of the W.G. Walkley Awards, 1956 - 1999

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