

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2797

## Ryan, Colleen

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**Occupation** Editor, Journalist, Print journalist

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### Summary

Colleen is a former Washington correspondent for the *Australian Financial Review* (1996-1998) and was editor of the newspaper from 1998-2002. After completing a Bachelor of Economics at the University of Sydney, Colleen joined Arthur Andersen as an accountant. However, she was clearly destined for a life in the media and joined the *AFR* as a business writer just one year later. This marked the beginning of a distinguished media career stretching over three decades.

### Details

Colleen Ryan has achieved a number of remarkable positions throughout her career including: Papua New Guinea correspondent of the *AFR* (1976-1978); assistant editor of *8 Days Magazine*, London (1979-1980); editor of the *AFR's* Weekend Review (1980-1982); business editor of the *National Times* (1982-1986); and associate editor of the *Sydney Morning Herald* (1986-1996). Colleen's work has been recognised with numerous industry awards including: Gold Walkley Award for Journalism (2004); Walkley Award for Best Business Report (2004); Centenary Medal for Services to Journalism and Publishing (2003); Australian Journalist of the Year (1992); and the Walkley Award for Best News Report (1992). Colleen has also published one book *Corporate Cannibals: The Taking of Fairfax* (1992), co-authored with Glenn Burge.

### Events

#### 1993 - 1993

Best Coverage of a Current Story (Print) – 'Spot of Bother Over at A' – The Sydney Morning Herald – Fairfax (with Kate McClymont)

#### 1990 - 1990

Best Feature, 'The Secret Society which sank Australia' – Highly Commended – The Sydney Morning Herald – Fairfax (with Deborah Light and Paul McGeogh)

### 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

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