

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE2830

## Simons, Margaret

(1960 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1960, England

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**Occupation** Journalist, Print journalist

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### Summary

Margaret Simons began her career in journalism with a cadetship at *The Age* newspaper in Melbourne in 1981. She spent ten years there, working as an arts reporter, feature writer, consumer affairs roundsperson, as a specialist in Freedom of Information legislation and as an investigative journalist. From 1986 to 1989 she was the newspaper's Brisbane correspondent during the years of the Fitzgerald Inquiry into police and political corruption. She now works as a freelance writer for a number of papers. She has written several books.

### Events

**1981 -**

**2015 - 2015**

Social Equity Journalism (Winner) – Fallen angels: The children left behind by Australian sex tourists, *The Monthly* (with Dave Tacon)

**1990 - 1990**

Best Piece of News Reporting (Highly Commended), *The Age Melbourne* – *Fairfax* (with Geoff Winestock)

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Book

*The Content Makers: Understanding the Media in Australia*, Simons, Margaret, 2007

*NOW Australia: Faith, Money, Power: What the religious revival means for politics*, Simons, Margaret, 2007

#### Newspaper Article

Agent of Influence, Simons, Margaret, 2003,  
<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/11/07/1068013376610.html>

#### 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>

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