

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE3477

## Ester, Helen

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**Occupation** Academic, Journalism trainer, Journalist, Print journalist, Television Journalist

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### Summary

Helen Ester is a media scholar and media professional who teaches Journalism and Communication at Central Queensland University. She has enjoyed a long and varied career as a teacher and journalist that has spanned more than thirty years.

### Details

As a media professional Helen Ester's experience includes:

- Membership of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery-7 years
- Editor and founder of the *Monitor* , a newsletter and news service for members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery
- Canberra Correspondent for *Nation Review* and the *Far Eastern Economic Review*
- Political Journalist with the Fairfax Bureau on the *Sydney Sun*
- Working for the Australian Press Services Bureau on the *Northern Territory News*

Television work has included working for SBS TV as a journalist/trainer and casual desk journalist. She has also worked for Imparja/CAAMA TV productions in Alice Springs.

Ester was a journalist member of a delegation of three women who in 1979-80 went to Vietnam, Kampuchia, and the border camps for refugees on the Thai border on a visit arranged by the Union of Vietnamese Women and the Australia Vietnam Society. Other members were economist Melanie Beresford and trade unionist Aileen Beaver. She was given transcripts of the People's Revolutionary Tribunal, held in 1979, while she was touring with the delegation. These transcripts are held with her papers in the National Library of Australia.

### Events

**1979 -**  
Career in journalism active

### Published resources

**Newsletter**  
Monitor, Ester, Helen

**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

**National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Helen Ester, 1979-1980 \[manuscript\]? 1979-1980 \[manuscript\]](#)

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