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# Wilson, Caroline

(1960 - )

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| **Born** | 19600101, Melbourne Victoria Australia |
| **Occupation** | Journalist, Print journalist, Radio Journalist, Sports Journalist, Television Journalist |

## Summary

Caroline Wilson has been chief football writer for *The Age* newspaper since 1999. She was the first woman to cover Australian Rules football on a full-time basis and is a multiple winner of Australian Football Media Association awards, including most outstanding football writer and most outstanding feature writer (2000, 2003, 2005). Wilson was also voted the AFL Players' Association's football writer of the year in 1999.

## Details

Prior to working for the age, Caroline Wilson worked for the Melbourne *Herald* for 12 years, spending three years working in the UK and Europe where she covered four Wimbledons and three British Opens, the FA Cup final and the British soccer riots.

In 1982 at *The Herald* she became the first woman to cover Australian Rules Football and in 1989 she became the first woman to win the AFL's gold media award. Caroline has also worked in radio hosting the afternoon program for 3AW between 1994 and 1996 (winning the national RAWARD in 1995 as best current affairs commentator). She had five years with the *Sunday Age* between 1989 and 1994 and was voted that newspaper's journalist of the year in 1993.

## Events

**2008 - 2008**
ALF BROWN TROPHY for the football media's most outstanding performer.

**2013 - 2013**
Commentary, Analysis, Opinion and Critique – 'Would you want your son playing AFL? Right thing for Hird to do is step down, Blind pride drove couch's denial and the bodies piled up, *The Age*

**2013 - 2013**
Coverage of a Major News Event or Issue – Essendon drug scandal (with Richard Baker, Nick Mckenzie, John Silvester, Jake Niall and *The Age* team, *The Age*

**2008 - 2008**
WINNER MOST OUTSTANDING COLUMNIST

**2008 - 2008**
WINNER MOST OUTSTANDING NEWS REPORTER (PRINT)

## 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

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007, http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html

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

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