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## Anne Summers interviewed by Sara Dowse [sound recording]

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### Details

2 digital audio tapes (ca. 132 min.)??Summers speaks about her life since 1975. She comments on the release of the 3rd edition of her book *Damned whores and God's police*; journalism, feminism and her Walkley Award winning article on Grafton; her trips to the USA in 1976 & mid 1978 on a journalism scholarship; her return to Australia in 1979 to work for the *Financial Review* in Canberra, first as a political correspondent and being elected President of the Press Gallery. Summers recalls being appointed to the position of Director of the Office of the Status of Women (1983-1986) in the Hawke Government.??Summers recalls leaving Australia in early 1986 for New York to head the *Fairfax's* North American office; writing a weekly column for *Financial Review*, then Editor weekly North American office; 1992 freelancing in US.; being invited to join Prime Minister Keating's staff , then moving onto to the position of Good Weekend Editorship. Summers speaks about her work from 1997 onwards when she started working again as a freelance journalist & writer. She recalls publishing 2 books; writing a monthly opinion column for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Courier Mail*; her position as co-editor of *Australian Author*; her corporate speaking engagements.

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