

The Australian Women's Register

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Jackson, Liz

(1951 - 2018)

Born 1 January, 1951

Died 27 June, 2018, Greece

Occupation Bureaucrat, Journalist, Lawyer, Television Journalist

Summary

Liz Jackson was a multi-award winning journalist who came relatively late to the profession. After working as a lawyer, and then as a 'femocrat' in the New South Wales Public Service, at the age of thirty-three she turned her hand to journalism. In 2005 she became the first female host of ABC Television's *Media Watch* program. She left the ABC in 2013.

Jackson passed away in 2018, having struggled with Parkinson's Disease since she was diagnosed in 2014.

Details

Liz Jackson grew up in Parkville, near the University of Melbourne. In the 1970s, after completing an arts degree, she travelled to London where she studied to be a barrister. On her return to Australia she worked for the New South Wales Government.

It was during this time that Liz Jackson moved into a home full of journalists, eventually shifting into journalism herself. 'My life as a public servant seemed a lot less interesting than theirs as journalists,' she said. 'No one seemed to want to know what I did that day.'

Jackson joined the ABC in 1987. After spending seven years in radio, at Radio National and 2JJJ, she joined Four Corners as a reporter. In 2005 she became host of *Media Watch* and was also known for her work on *4 Corners*.

Events

1993 - 1993

Best International Report, 'Somalia. Dying for Relief', Australian Broadcasting Corporation

1996 - 1996

Best Application of the Television Medium to Journalism, 'Telling His Story' Australian Broadcasting Corporation (with Ashley Smith)

2000 - 2000

Coverage of Indigenous Affairs, 'Go to Jail', Australian Broadcasting Corporation, (with Lin Buckfield)

2000 - 2000

Coverage of Sport, 'Fixing Cricket', Australian Broadcasting Corporation, (with Lin Buckfield & Peter Cronau)

2002 - 2002

Social Equity Journalism (Highly Commended), 'Putting The Children At Risk', Australian Broadcasting Corporation (with Morag Ramsay & Jo Puccini)

2006 - 2006

Coverage of the Asia-Pacific Region, 'Stoking the Fires', 4 Corners, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (with Lin Buckfield)

1985 -

2006 - 2006

Stoking the Fires', 4 Corners, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (with Lin Buckfield and Peter Cronau)

2017 - 2017

A Sense of Self' – ABC TV (with Martin Butler, Bentley Dean and Tania Nehme)

Published resources

Resource Section

Liz Jackson, Pedler, Emma and Joseph Thomsen, 2005,
<http://www.abc.net.au/sa/stories/s1383221.htm>

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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cal/cal-home.html>

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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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