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Biography - Virginia Haussegger MC, EOWA Business Achievement Awards 2006

Virginia Haussegger –ABC TV News Presenter, journalist, author and media commentator.

Virginia has 20 years experience in broadcast journalism, covering a range of national and international events for some of Australia's leading news and current affairs programs. In the late 80's she was the youngest women ever appointed to host the **ABC's** flagship program the **7.30 Report**.

Her work has taken her around the world, reporting from the Middle East, Iraq, Europe, Washington and New York, for programs such as the 7 Network's **Witness**, and channel 9's **A Current Affair**. For many years Virginia was a senior reporter with the **7.30 Report**, and has hosted that show in four capital cities.

In 1996 Virginia was awarded the *United Nations Association Media Peace Prize* for her coverage of indigenous affairs.

In 2002 Virginia wrote an Opinion Editorial for Melbourne's **Age** newspaper which opened a floodgate of debate about the issues of childlessness; fertility; feminism and the vexed area of career versus family. Whilst one media commentator suggested that article attracted "more attention than George Bush's invasion of Iraq", it nevertheless became a catalyst for ongoing public and media discussion.

In 2005 Virginia's book *Wonder Woman: the myth of 'having it all'* was launched at the National Press Club and telecast live on **ABC TV**.

Virginia presents **ABC TV News** in Canberra, where she now lives. She also writes a weekly column for **The Canberra Times** and is an occasional guest broadcaster on **ABC** radio in Canberra and Melbourne.