

Geraldine Doogue

Whilst originally planning a career as a schoolteacher after completing her Arts degree, in 1972 Geraldine applied on an impulse for a journalism cadetship with The West Australian instead. Since then she has thrived on that impulsive decision.

Within the first ten years of her career, Geraldine had carved out a reputation in print, television and radio, including two years at the London Bureau working for the Murdoch group's Australian papers.

Her entrance into television was unexpected. Whilst covering a story for *The Australian*, an ABC Television reporter interviewed her for a *Four Corners* program. When the head office executives saw the interview, they were so impressed with her on-camera presence that they offered Geraldine the Perth compere's position for ABC Television's then new program *Nationwide*.



She soon moved to Sydney to host the NSW edition of the program and established herself as one of the most respected and popular personalities on national television.

Geraldine then worked for a time on commercial radio with 2UE and on commercial television, co-presenting Channel 10's main news bulletin, before returning to the ABC in 1990. She played a major role in ABC TV's coverage of the Gulf War. During this period Geraldine was awarded two Penguin Awards and a United Nations Media Peace Prize.

In 1992 Geraldine began presenting *Life Matters*, a new ABC Radio National program that set out to cover the full gamut of social issues in everyday life. In 1998, she also became host of ABC TV's *Compass* program, which looks at issues of spirituality, philosophy and belief every Sunday evening. After 11 years with *Life Matters*, Geraldine moved to Saturday mornings to host a program focussing on international politics, Australia's role on the world stage, and business.

In 2000 Geraldine was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for social and cultural reporting. In 2003, she was recognised with an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to the community and media.

She is married with two children and two step-children.