

# Caroline Jones AO

## *Australian Story*

Caroline Jones is one of Australia's most respected broadcasters and communicators. She presents *Australian Story* on ABC TV on Monday night at 8.00pm and has been a film-radio-television writer, producer, director and reporter for over 40 years.

Joining the ABC in 1963, Caroline Jones was the first woman reporter for *This Day Tonight* program, after which she became the presenter of *Four Corners*, with a weekly audience of 2 million viewers. From 1977 to 1981 she presented the ABC Sydney morning radio program *City Extra* on 2BL.

Caroline Jones has won a number of awards for her contribution to radio and television journalism, including a Logie Award (1972); Gold Sammy Awards (1980); several Media Peace Prize Gold Citations, and in the 1988 Queen's Birthday Honours List, Caroline was made an Officer of the Order of Australia. In 1989 she was awarded The Archbishop of Sydney Citation in recognition of outstanding contribution to Christian ideals in radio and television.

Caroline Jones was a foundation member of the Australian Council for the Arts (1973) and a foundation member of The National Films Board of Review (1971). In 1982 she became Associate Director of The Centre for Communication Studies at Bathurst and with Hugh Mackay, produced The Better Communication Tapes.

From 1987 to 1994 Caroline Jones presented *The Search For Meaning* on ABC Radio National, in which hundreds of Australian men and women told stories of their lives. Four hugely successful *The Search for Meaning* books were published from transcripts of the program.

During 1988, Caroline worked alongside Aboriginal broadcasters at Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association, in Alice Springs, as they produced their first cultural and current affairs programs for television.

Since 1995 Caroline Jones has written for the Opinion pages of major Australian newspapers. She is a specialist contributor to *Australian Story* on ABC Television and in 2002 proudly accepted a TV Week Logie on behalf of the program.

In 1997 Caroline Jones was voted one of Australia's 100 National Living Treasures. In 1998, the ABC published *An Authentic Life - Finding Meaning and Spirituality in Everyday Life* by Caroline Jones, one of the 10 best selling books in Australia for that year.

In 1988 Caroline was appointed an Ambassador for Reconciliation by The Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.