

VIRGINIA TRIOLI BIOGRAPHY

Two-time Walkley Award winner, Virginia Trioli is one of Australia's best-known journalists, with a formidable reputation as a television anchor, radio presenter, writer and commentator. She is much sought-after as a speaker and MC, and combines a rigorous interviewing style with a wicked sense of humor.

Virginia, is an honours graduate in Fine Arts from the University of Melbourne and La Trobe University, and in 1996 published "Generation F", her celebrated response to Helen Garner's 'First Stone'.

In 1995 she won Australian journalism's highest honour, the Walkley Award for her business reporting and in 2001 Virginia won a second Walkley for her landmark interview with the former Defence Minister, Peter Reith, over the notorious Children Overboard issue. In 1999 she won the Melbourne Press Club's Best Columnist award, The Quill. In 2006 she won Broadcaster of the Year at the ABC Local Radio Awards.

Virginia has held senior positions at the Age newspaper and the Bulletin magazine. For eight years she hosted the Drive Program on 774 ABC Melbourne, and the Morning Program on 702 ABC Sydney. She has been the host of ABC TV's premiere news and current affairs programs, 7.30 and Lateline; also Artscape and Sunday Arts. She is a regular fill-in host on Q and A.

She was the founding anchor of ABC News Breakfast on ABC TV, which she co-hosted for 11 years.

In late 2019 she replaced Jon Faine as the host of the Morning program on ABC Radio Melbourne.

Virginia is married with three step-children, a nine year old, and one black Labrador called Cora.