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Louise Williams, is an award-winning writer, editor and editorial consultant with decades of high level experience in Australia and internationally. As a former foreign correspondent, columnist, and foreign editor for Fairfax Media, she has a deep understanding of local, national and international issues. She spent more than a decade as a foreign correspondent for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, Melbourne, based in Manila, Bangkok and Jakarta, winning a Walkley Award for Excellence in Journalism and the Citibank Pan Asia Journalism Award (in conjunction with Columbia University). Louise currently works as an editorial consultant, mostly in the university sector, providing communications, writing and editing services including the development of competitive grant applications, speech and opinion writing, concept papers, strategic documents and academic papers. She has written or contributed to over \$100 million of successful grants. She also develops and runs training courses in academic and opinion writing, and in translating complex concepts, building on more than a decade of experience teaching writing and communications subjects at the tertiary level.

Louise has written and contributed to a number of books and was the recipient of an Australia Council Asia Pacific Writers' Fellowship for her book on women in Asia, *Wives, Mistresses and Matriarchs* (Allen and Unwin). Her most recent book is an historical investigation into the fate of her uncle, WW2 Squadron Leader John "Willy" Williams, one of the leaders of the famous 'Great Escape' from Stalag Luft III. *A True Story of the Great Escape* (Allen and Unwin) was first published in Australia and in the UK in 2015 (Amberley Publishing) and republished in both markets in 2017. She is currently co-authoring a new guide to reducing plastic in the environment.

Books

- *Great Escaper*, 2017 (second edition), author, Amberley Publishing, Stroud, UK. ISBN 978 1 4456 7201 4
- *A True Story of the Great Escape*, 2017, author, (second edition), Allen and Unwin, Sydney. ISBN 978 1 76029 614 8
- *Great Escaper*, 2015 (First edition), author, Amberley Publishing, Stroud, UK. ISBN 978 1 4456 5401 0
- *A True Story of the Great Escape*, 2015 (first edition), author, Allen and Unwin, Sydney. ISBN 978 1 74331 389 3
- *Losing Control, Freedom of the Press in Asia*, 2000, co-editor with Roland Rich, Asia Pacific Press. ISBN 0 7315 3626 6
- *Indonesia After Soeharto*, 1999, New Zealand Asia Institute, contributor, ISBN 0 908689 63 2
- *Wives, Mistresses and Matriarchs*, Asian Women Today, 1998, author, Phoenix Books, a division of Orion Books, London, ISBN 0 75380 710 6
- *Wives, Mistresses and Matriarchs*, Asian Women Today, 1998, Allen and Unwin, Sydney, ISBN 1 86448 914 6

- *Hotel Asia*, an anthology of literary travelling to the East, 1995, contributor, Penguin Books, Australia, ISBN 0 14 024542 1
- *On the Wire*, on the frontline in Asia, 1992, author, Simon and Schuster, Australia, ISBN 0 7318 0213 6

Overview of Professional experience:

2013 – present:

Editorial Consultant – University of New South Wales, Sydney. Role includes grant writing, speech writing, opinion writing and the development of training courses, including the *She Says, She Says* opinion writing program for UNSW women academics run throughout 2017.

Potential referee: Professor Emma Johnston, Dean of Science, e.johnston@unsw.edu.au

Editorial consultant (Research) – Macquarie University, Faculty of Human Sciences, Education.

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Editorial consultant and grant writing – Macquarie University, Australian Institute of Health Innovation, Contact: Director, Professor Jeffrey Braithwaite; jeffrey.braithwaite@mq.edu.au

Grant writing and training – Macquarie University, Faculty of Human Sciences, Psychology, Contact: Associate Professor Viviana Wuthrich, viviana.wuthrich@mq.edu.au.

Editorial consultant - Aboriginal Affairs (NSW), editing and writing (policy, strategy, implementation documents), including the development of the Aboriginal Affairs Research Agenda.

<https://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/research-and-evaluation/Research-Agenda-Jan-2018.pdf>

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Research Associate, Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, UTS (until its closure mid 2017) – development and delivery of writing and communications courses including Feature Writing. See See: <https://www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/our-research/australian-centre-independent-journalism/about-centre/honorary>

2008 - 2012:

Partner, The Writemedia Network – main clients include the University of NSW, The Sydney Morning Herald, Fairfax, SBS, Reed Business magazines, The Department of Education, NSW

Project coordinator, Jakarta Professional Practicum, Australian (universities) Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies, Murdoch University, Perth, run in-country in Indonesia.

<http://www.acicis.murdoch.edu.au/hi/journalist.html>

Course development and lecturing, the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, UTS

Research Associate, Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, UTS

<http://www.acij.uts.edu.au/shortcourses/magazine.html>

<http://www.acij.uts.edu.au/about/honorary-appointments.html>

2007: Contributing editorial and feature writer, Sydney Morning Herald

Project coordinator, Jakarta Professional Practicum, Australian (universities) Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies, based at Murdoch University, Perth

Consulting writer, Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (India country report)

Lecturer (casual), Faculty of Communications, University of Technology, Sydney, teaching journalism and feature writing. Louise also designed and ran a print to digital media course for senior Chinese newspaper publishers and editors.

2006: Editorial and feature writer, Sydney Morning Herald,

Lecturer (casual), Faculty of Communications, University of Technology, Sydney, teaching journalism and feature writing.

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Role included the development of digital media course for senior Chinese newspaper editors.

<http://www.acij.uts.edu.au/shortcourses/magazine.html>

<http://www.acij.uts.edu.au/about/honorary-appointments.html>

1999-2005: Leader writer and columnist, Sydney Morning Herald.

Responsible for analysis and editorial comment on a wide range of issues plus a regular column published in the foreign pages. Reporting assignments including Europe and the EU, NZ and India.

1996-1999: Indonesian correspondent, Sydney Morning Herald and The Age, Melbourne. Regular guest on the BBC. Major stories: the fall of the Soeharto regime, independence in East Timor, East Asian economic crisis.

1995: Asia Pacific Writer's Fellowship, Literature Board, Australia Council. Publications editor, Research Institute of Asia and the Pacific, University of Sydney.

1992-1994: Asia Editor, then Foreign Editor, Sydney Morning Herald.

1988-1991: Regional correspondent, Sydney Morning Herald and The Age, Melbourne, based in Bangkok covering South-East Asia and the Indian sub-continent. Numerous major stories such as the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the crushing of pro-democracy movement in Burma, Vietnam's withdrawal from Cambodia, the end of military rule in Thailand, the rise of the jihad forces in Afghanistan, the fall of Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan.

1986-1988: Philippines-based correspondent, the Sydney Morning Herald. Regular contributor to The Observer, London and The Independent, London. Major stories: Cory Aquino's "people's power" victory in the Philippines, the end of military rule in South Korea, political crackdowns in Malaysia.

1984-1986: Sydney-based journalist, Sydney Morning Herald covering NSW politics and the law.

1981-1984: Trainee, then journalist at Australian Associated Press.

Major Awards

Walkley Award, coverage of the Asia Pacific region, joint winner, 1999

Citibank Pan Asia Journalism Award, in conjunction with Columbia University, winner, 1994

Walkley Award, feature writing, finalist, 1994

John S. Knight Fellowship, Stanford University, offer, 1991-1992. Unable to take up fellowship due to maternity leave

ASEAN-DFAT Scholarship, 1986

The Educator's Prize for best published work by a journalism student, 1982

Languages - French, conversational Indonesian