



RACHAEL BROWN

Rachael Brown is a broadcast journalist. After graduating from RMIT, she began her career with the ABC where she has held several postings, including Europe correspondent from 2010 to 2013.

In 2008, she won her first Walkley Award for Best Radio Current Affairs Report for her investigation into the Victorian Medical Practitioners Board whose negligence contributed to the sexual assaults of a dozen women.

Rachael is the creator, investigator, and host of the ABC's first true-crime podcast, **Trace**. The hit podcast revived the murder cold-case of Melbourne mother Maria James, reviewing old suspects and uncovering new leads. **Trace** won the 2017 Walkley Award for Innovation, in recognition of the way the podcast tapped into community grapevines, attracting vital tips from the public that were then rolled into subsequent episodes, and allowing **Trace** to evolve as it went to air. The podcast also won two 2017 Quill Awards: for Innovation, and for Best Podcast.

In August 2018, Rachael released a book based on the podcast titled **Trace: Who Killed Maria James?** (Scribe Publications). The book made the Walkley Book Award 2018 longlist.

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