

# Geraldine Cox A.M.

## CV

Geraldine started her career with the Australian *Department of Foreign Affairs* in 1970. Her first posting was to Phnom Penh, where she experienced life in a country at war when the Vietnam War spilled over into Cambodia.

Subsequent postings were Manila, Bangkok, Tehran and Washington DC.

After resigning from the government in 1987 she worked for 8 years with *The Chase Manhattan Bank* in Sydney before deciding to live in Cambodia in 1996.

Geraldine's original experiences in Cambodia never left her and on a return visit in 1993 she became involved in helping an orphaned Cambodian child. From that small beginning Geraldine co- founded what is now the *Sunrise Children's Villages*.

*King Norodom Sihanouk* bestowed her with full Cambodian Citizenship by Royal Decree in 1999 and she spends half the year with the children and the remainder travelling to raise funds.

*Pan Macmillan* published Geraldine's autobiography, *Home Is Where The Heart Is* in 2000 and *Hollywood* bought the rights to make a feature film based on her book.

Geraldine was made a *Member of the Order of Australia* in 2000.

The documentary, *My Khmer Heart*, won the *Hollywood Film Festival Documentary of the Year Award* in 2000 and has since been bought and screened by *HBO* and *Discovery Cable Channels*. Her story has been featured on Australian Television over the last few years on *Australian Story*, *The Sunday Program*, *This Is Your Life*, *Four Corners*, *Today Tonight*, *The 7.30 Report*, *60 Minutes*, *Talking Heads* and *the 7pm Program*.

Geraldine has been appointed to serve on the *International Advisory Board of Oasis Africa* - [www.oasisafrica.net](http://www.oasisafrica.net).

In November 2006 Geraldine was awarded the *Circle of Courage Award* from the Australian Charity, *Youth Off The Streets*.

Also in November 2006 *The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International* named Geraldine a *Paul Harris Fellow* in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

In June 2007, *Australia Network*, the ABC's cable television channel screened in 41 countries, invited Geraldine to be one of their *Achievers*, where she promotes the channel and its programs.

In 2009 Geraldine a Finalist for the *South Australian of the Year Award*.

In **Australia** she has been invited to speak at:

- National Press Club, Canberra

- South Australian Press Club, Adelaide
- The Sydney Institute, Sydney
- Parliamentary Sub Committee on Human Rights, Canberra
- Parliamentary Sub Committee on Cambodia, Canberra
- The Asia Society, Melbourne
- University of Sydney, International School of Public Health
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Adelaide
- Women of the Year, Adelaide
- International Women's Day, Gold Coast
- Queen Adelaide Club, Adelaide
- Lyceum Club, Adelaide
- Women Chiefs of Enterprise, Adelaide
- Bennelong Institute
- National Conference of Certified Practising Accountants, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne
- InvestorInfo's Women, Wealth and Success, Sydney
- Women in Finance, Sydney
- Global Spirited Women, Gold Coast
- Women in Superannuation, Sydney
- Victorian Chapter of Members of the Order of Australia
- Catalyst Network, Sydney
- National Civics & Citizenship Forum, Canberra
- Melbourne University's Asia Link
- Serious Women's Business Conference, Melbourne
- Halogen Foundation - National Young Leaders Day, Adelaide and Sydney
- Business Chicks, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane
- University of Queensland, Brisbane
- Happiness Conference, Sydney
- Queensland University, International House, Brisbane
- Cairns Businesswomen's Club, Queensland
- Australian Association of Practice Managers, Adelaide
- State Rotary Conventions
- Public and Private Schools throughout Australia
- Interdenominational Churches throughout Australia
- National and State Radio and Television Interviews
- Australian Corporate Boardrooms

**In the United States:**

Kent State University, Ohio  
 Albany University, New York  
 University of San Francisco, California  
 CNN Television News  
 NBC Television News  
 State Radio Interviews

**In Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea and Thailand:**

Local Television Networks

Channel News Asia, Cable Television  
Korean National MBC Network  
Radio Interviews  
Local Schools

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