



Angela D'Audney (Cerdan)



1957-1960

Angela D'Audney was a New Zealand television broadcaster and actress. Her career spanned over 40 years, and she became an iconic figure, labelled as New Zealand's 'first lady of broadcasting'.

During her time at Epsom Girls Grammar School, Angela took an interest in drama and enjoyed taking part in school plays. Angela began her career in broadcasting in 1962, presenting local news part-time whilst studying microbiology at Auckland University. Angela eventually gave up her studies in order to broadcast full time, and in 1973 she began presenting the national news. This broke barriers for women in broadcasting, as it was initially seen as inappropriate for a woman to read the television news.

Angela continued as a current affairs presenter until 2001 and presented the weekend news on TV ONE alongside Tom Bradley. Angela also occasionally worked as an actress, and in 1982 she appeared in a television comedy play called *The Venus Touch*, which caused a lot of controversy.

Towards the end of her life Angela wrote and published her autobiography, titled 'Angela: A Wonderful Life'. Angela is remembered for the pathway she created for women in broadcasting, and for helping to develop the skills of many next generation TVNZ presenters.