



Friends of the ABC Newsletter

July 2014

From The pen of President Margaret.

Hello again,

The Winter Magic Festival in Katoomba has been and gone, and what a great success it was. Perfect day, clear sunny blue skies and literally thousands of people enjoying the festival.

BMFABC had a contingent of 19 or 20 members walking in the Grand Parade. Libby organised the 'Save your ABC' balloons and Tony assembled many popular musical themes from the ABC programs to play LOUDLY as the parade progressed. Posters, flyers and cheery smiles completed the presentation. Everyone reported a positive response from the crowd. Well done everyone.

Garth will add a photo or two in the newsletter. Otherwise everything is available on our website, www.fabcnswbm.org.au

Our Branch organised a letter writing group to write to parliamentarians and newspapers, both hard copy and online. The group are kept busy in a serious attempt to 'Save Your ABC' by making the case for retaining public broadcasting, i.e. ABC and SBS in Australia. Everyone is encouraged to write letters to papers, speak on talkback radio etc. Remember it is very important to speak to family and friends about the threat to the ABC and encourage them to write, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or Blog the message that Aunty is under serious threat. This government must understand that democracies have / need public broadcasting.

NEXT MEETING

WHERE: Grand View Hotel,
Wentworth Falls
DATE: Sat, 19 July 2014
TIME: 10:00 AM



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<http://www.fabcnswbm.org.au/>

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As most of you know I am passionate about the ABC.

Recently because of a localised technical fault I was unable to view the ABC for over two weeks. What a nightmare! Now I appreciate the ABC more than ever. I vowed I would never criticise anything about the ABC ever again!

We MUST fight to SAVE YOUR ABC.

Margaret.



The tour of the ABC Ultimo Studios on Friday July 18 is booked out. However if you want to go and haven't yet booked let Bob Macadam know, ph 4754 1620 in case any vacancies occur. Cost is \$10.

For those planning to **travel by train**, catch the one **leaving Katoomba at 0724** and look for our group upstairs in the second carriage. We will assemble at the Central Rail Station

entrance situated next to platform 1 prior to our departure to Harris Street.

NSW State Conference August 16 & 17.

This will be in lieu of our August monthly meeting at Wentworth Falls and is going to be a very important and interesting conference for the Friends of the ABC. It will be held at the wonderful iconic Katoomba venue, **The Mountain Heritage Hotel**, Corner Apex and Lovel Streets, approximately 400 metres from Katoomba railway station.

In addition to the discussions relating to the business matters of the State Branch, it is expected that Saturday will have two or three guest speakers, one as the after dinner speaker, talking about various aspects and goings on of the ABC.

Sunday's guest speaker is the ABC's Managing Director, Mark Scott AO, who has generously agreed to add this conference to his very busy schedule.

Both days are fully catered for.

Saturday starts with registration at 0900 and includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner at the very reasonable all up cost of \$115.

Sunday starts at 0830, includes morning tea and lunch and the cost is \$60.

Bookings should be made with President Margaret and **a financial subsidy** may be available for members who book early.

As one of the most active branches we all need to attend this conference.

Fine tuning is still being carried out on the event schedules; expect full details at our next meeting at The Grand View on July 19.