

From the President's Desk

ABC Friends Mediawaves, News and Headlines

Hello Members and Friends,
The Federal Election is behind us and our support for the National Campaign acknowledged nationwide. Nothing has changed and Our ABC continues to be under attack with reported fresh cuts to Classic FM and frightening budget cuts to our funding in the 2016/17 Budget forecast into the future and thereafter. We can only hope that the cross benchers will give Our ABC their support. We can now relax for a little while until the new year when we can expect more unreasonable cuts.

As we approach the last stages of 2016 it is time to reflect on our year past, to enjoy the friendship of Our ABC Friends Branch and look forward. You may be able to give support by joining the Committee and taking on a role in the operational (behind the scenes) things that we need to maintain the successful reputation of our Branch. We must not let our Branch just fade away! Please contact me to see how you can contribute in some way. I am aware that a number of key vacancies will arise at our 2016 AGM in November and your support is essential.

Meanwhile, take a deep breath and enjoy what remains of Our ABC.

Barry Redshaw
President ABCFBM

ABC Classic FM

Reports in Limelight magazine that ABC management is planning further cuts to ABC Classic FM has spread anger and alarm among the station's large body of supporters.

...“ABC Classic FM station manager Richard Buckham took to social media to deny these claims, describing Limelight’s report as “highly speculative” as well as asserting that Limelight had no corroborating proof. The multiple sources within ABC Classic FM who approached Limelight had all done so off the record, wishing to remain anonymous because of the officious and, in the words of one source, “toxic” working environment that currently

Next meeting

Grand View Hotel,
Wentworth Falls
Saturday August 20, 10:00am

exists at the station. One source, however, has now chosen to go public with his understanding of the changes to Classic FM: veteran broadcaster and former Classic Breakfast producer Greg Keane“... - See more at: <http://www.limelightmagazine.com.au/news/veteran-broadcaster-greg-keane-speaks-out-about-classic-fm#sthash.3Eo9hyKA.dpuf>

Members, please express your concern and write letters to Ms Michelle Guthrie, Managing Director, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, GPO Box 9994, Sydney, 2000.

“Without Classic FM broadcasting quality Australian music performances to all Australians, the ABC will be in breach of its Charter.”



An inexcusable loss for both musicians and audiences

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Increase in Membership Fees

To keep in line with other States ABCF Membership Fees have increased as follows:

Individual	1 year - \$30	3 years - \$80
Household	1 year - \$50	3 years - \$120
Pensioner	1 year - \$20	3 years - \$50
Student	1 year - \$20	3 years - \$50

Drum online another casualty of ABC cuts

Drum online farewell: A note from the editor Chip Rolley 9/07/16 ..."The Drum online is being closed. ABC News will continue to publish opinion and analysis but will do so in different ways and no longer under the Drum banner. (The Drum TV program will continue unchanged.)

As editor, my relatively low profile on these pages has been deliberate. We have sought to make The Drum not an expression of one person's views, but a forum for the interplay of a variety of viewpoints from across the political spectrum, filtered only by our strict adherence to editorial principles of fairness, accuracy and deep respect for a strong argument well expressed. We all have opinions but at The Drum we wanted to ensure that those we published were tethered to facts and tested for fairness and accuracy"...

ABC YourSpace

The ABC has launched YourSpace, a new online community which you can be a part of by joining up and sharing your opinions thus being entered into monthly prize draws which include vouchers from the ABC online store and tickets to ABC events.

It's touted as an opportunity to let the ABC know what you really think and help influence content and product decisions.

I have recently joined and so far activities have included selecting my favourite Australian actor (unsure about the reasoning behind that one) and answering questions on Arts and Culture programming which I feel is worthwhile.

Give it a try and sign up here: yourspace.abc.net.au



YourSpace
Start Talking...

We're committed to producing high quality programming for all Australians. Tell us what you think so we can make the ABC better for you.

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