

## From the President's Desk

*ABC Friends Mediawaves, News and Headlines*

Hello Members and Friends,

I hope you have avoided the recent "flu epidemic" that has invaded the Blue Mountains region and well done to those few who have been able to avoid the difficulties that have affected many of our members and community.

The ABC hasn't been without its dramas in the beginning of this new broadcasting period after the election without any apparent indications for funding into the future. Managing Director, Michelle Guthrie in her address to the 2016 Lowy Institute Media Awards outlined her positive thinking for the ABC investment and global challenge we face into the future. The ABC advertising deal with Swisse doesn't really seem appropriate and leaves many unanswered questions.

With just two regular monthly meetings before the AGM it was interesting and positive that the question of the lack of obvious replacements for those who are not seeking re-election created some in depth conversation from members and some options that may help to resolve the dilemma that confronts us. I do encourage members to consider offering to help with this problem that we face and to offer their ideas. I can reassure you that it is not an onerous task and gives you the opportunity to express your ideas and participate in the branch operation.

*Barry Redshaw*  
President ABCFBM

## ABC Friends 40th Anniversary Dinner

Special guest Richard Glover, ABC Radio 'Drive' presenter, entertained 150 members which included a small group from our branch on August 12, 2016.

Speakers included Michelle Guthrie, Ranauld MacDonald and Mal Hewitt.

The anniversary cake was cut by Corinne Bass, the widow of the Friends of ABC creator Walter Bass in 1976.

Matt Peacock, Journalist, ABC Staff Elected Director, Gary Cook, ABCFNSW past President and retiring Treasurer, James Buchanan, were among other guests.

## Next meeting

**Grand View Hotel,**  
Wentworth Falls  
Saturday, September 17, 10:00am



*ABC Radio presenter Richard Glover at the ABC Friends 40th Anniversary Dinner*



*President NSW & ACT Friends Mal Hewitt with ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie. More photos from the evening on our website, [www.fabcnswbm.org.au](http://www.fabcnswbm.org.au)*

## Blue Mountains Members End of Year Dinner

You may think it's a little early but we need to confirm numbers with the Grand View Hotel for our annual dinner as bookings are already filling up.

The date is Tuesday 13 December 2016 at 6pm with the usual two for one meal deal.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing our wonderful secretary Libby at [secretary@fabcnswbm.org.au](mailto:secretary@fabcnswbm.org.au)

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## A Global ABC: Address to the 2016 Lowy Institute Media Award Dinner

If you haven't yet had the chance to read Michelle Guthrie's address go to the link below.

<http://about.abc.net.au/speeches/a-global-abc-address-to-the-2016-lowy-institute-media-award-dinner/>

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