

From the President's Desk

ABC Friends Mediawaves, News and Headlines

Hello Members and Friends,

As I pen my last President's Desk Report I reflect on the opportunity awarded me to hold the office of President for the past 2 years. I am not seeking re-election having moved from the Mountains recently to the nearby 'tropics' in Cranebrook. I feel the role of President should remain with a Blue Mountains resident. I will however remain on the committee.

The highlight and subsequent lowlight of my term surrounded the July Federal Election with our Branch Campaign giving strong support to the ABC Friends National Campaign as we fought the battle to STOP THE CHOP and restore dignity and realistic funding to our ABC. Unfortunately, the final outcome appears to have no restoration of lost funding. The strong but small group of members who rallied to support the cause are on the record. My thanks and the ABC Friends acknowledgement of those supporters are also on the record. Our community events over the recent past have also been acknowledged.

We face a potential risk of losing our high branch profile and the ongoing function of our branch at the upcoming AGM election. The great job the past and current management committee members have done on your behalf has been a successful part of ABC Friends. With some committee members not standing for re-election to the committee or office WE NEED YOU! I will report in more detail on the past year in my report to the AGM. Meanwhile let's rally and ensure a long life for our branch in support of OUR ABC.

Barry Redshaw
President ABCFBM

ABC News

One Nation's Brian Burston slams the ABC, suggesting de-funding the public broadcaster and establishing the "Patriotic Broadcasting Corporation" whose mission would be to represent the identity and interests of mainstream Australia. "There is not one conservative program or anchor on the ABC, not one in a billion-dollar enterprise."

Political reporter Francis Keany 12 October 2016
Full story www.abc.net.au/news/2016-10-11/one-nation-senator-abc-patriotic-broadcasting-corporation-speech/7923632

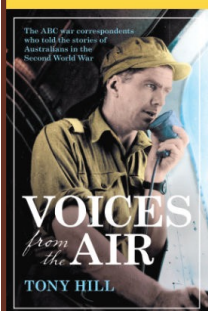
Next meeting

The Grand View Hotel,
Wentworth Falls

AGM Saturday November 19, 10.00am,
followed by our guest Tony Hill at 11.00am

Past to Present

Join us for guest speaker author and ABC lifer Tony Hill



Managing Editor of ABC News 24 and former ABC foreign correspondent, Tony began his career with the ABC as a journalist cadet.

His book tells the stories of the fledgling ABC's remarkable WW2 correspondents, their extraordinary experiences and how, for the first time, radio carried the news and sounds of war to those at home. Tony's wealth of experience and knowledge of the ABC spans past to present.



Saturday November 19, 2016

11.00am guest speaker & discussion
(10.00am AGM)

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The Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls
All welcome



New Appointments at the ABC



Sabra Lane moves from 7.30 to host the ABC's flagship radio program AM. She replaces Michael Brissenden, who will become a reporter on the award-winning investigative program, Four Corners.

Michael Lallo, SMH, 26 October 2016. Full

story: www.smh.com.au/entertainment/tv-and-radio/sabra-lane-quits-730-to-host-the-abcs-flagship-radio-show-am-20161026-gs8auv8

The Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, Judith Whelan, will leave Fairfax Media to join the ABC on November 7 as the Head of Spoken Content at Radio National and the sports network Grandstand.

Georgina Mitchell, SMH, 13 October 2016.

Full story: www.smh.com.au/nsw/sydney-morning-herald-editor-judith-whelan-quits-fairfax-media-to-join-the-abc-20161013-gs1k94.html

Senate Estimates 18 October 2016

Michelle Guthrie, ABC's managing director and Alan Sunderland, editorial director were grilled about the recent Four Corners program on the treatment of asylum seeker children on Nauru, 'The Forgotten Children'.

ABC News 18 October 2016. Full story: www.abc.net.au/news/2016-10-18/nauru-dismisses-four-corners-report-biased-political-propoganda/7941964

Senator Eric Abetz also queried Michelle Guthrie on an opinion piece by Jonathan Holmes back in April this year suggesting a leaning to the left by ABC's capital city radio presenters especially Radio National.

Ms Guthrie replied that she disagreed with the opinion.

When Senator Abetz talked about the entrenched culture that Ms Guthrie faced at the ABC and suggested that she may have been captured, Greens senator Peter Wish-Wilson said Senator Abetz should withdraw the remark, claiming it was unparliamentary.

Merging of the ABC and SBS was raised earlier with the SBS managing director, Michael Ebeid. He was opposed to the idea because SBS was needed far more now than ever before. Merging it with the ABC was a bad idea because it played a role in social cohesion.

He didn't think Ms Guthrie favoured a merge either.

"SBS's need today is certainly far more in demand than even 40 years ago and I think our work is just beginning," Ebeid said.

Amanda Meade, The Guardian, 18 October 2016. Full story: <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2016/oct/18/abc-head-michelle-guthrie-plays-curly-questions-with-a-straight-bat>

Dates for the Diary

November 19- 2016 ABC Friends Blue Mountains AGM and Guest speaker

Join us for our .AGM followed by our guest speaker Tony Hill (details on page 1) followed by lunch

November 25 - 2016 ABC Friends' Annual Award Night Party

Join us to celebrate our Excellence in Broadcasting Award. This year the award goes to the ABC flagship program 4 Corners.

<http://fabcnsw.org.au/PDFs/Events/AwardsNightFlyer2016.pdf>

December 13 - Blue Mountains ABC Friends End of Year Dinner

Join us at The Grand View Hotel at 6pm for the usual two for one meal deal.

It's that time again!

ABC Friends Blue Mountains is having its end of year celebration

Join us for dinner*, drinks and great company to say farewell to 2016

6 PM Tuesday December 13
Grandview Hotel Wentworth Falls

RSVP by November 16 to
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*Two meals for one menu options
There are vegetarian and gluten free dishes available on the menu



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