

**Our Next Meeting 10.00am Saturday June 17, Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls**

## **SUSAN TEMPLEMAN MP**

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE

### **Meet ABC Managing Director, Michelle Guthrie**

Hosted by Susan Templeman MP, this is a chance to hear from the ABC's Managing Director, Michelle Guthrie and ask your questions about the public broadcaster.

Members of Blue Mountains Friends of the ABC and other ABC fans welcome.



**MICHELLE GUTHRIE**  
Managing Director of the ABC

**WHEN:** Monday 5 June,  
6:00pm - 7:30pm.

**WHERE:** Springwood Community  
Hub and Theatre,  
106 - 108 Macquarie St  
Springwood.



**SUSAN TEMPLEMAN MP**  
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## **IMPORTANT**

**Seats to this event are limited so RSVPs are essential  
If you wish to attend, book your seats ASAP**

## ABC redundancy round targeting 120 staff has started, Michelle Guthrie says

Amanda Meade, *The Guardian*, May 25 2017

Another round of redundancies targeting 120 ABC staff has begun this week, the ABC's managing director, Michelle Guthrie, has told Senate estimates.

In an opening statement on Wednesday night, Guthrie said the job losses she had signalled in March were well under way and this round would involve senior and middle management roles based in Sydney.

"Redundancies, while regrettable, are a necessary part of funding this work," Guthrie said. "In March, I signalled that that 150 to 200 positions would be made redundant. This includes the efficiency initiatives in television and news, which resulted in a reduction of approximately 70 employees.

"Consultations have begun with affected employees in some divisions and more will begin over the next few days."

Guthrie also defended the ABC's digital presence, in an apparent reference to criticism from Fairfax Media's chief executive, Greg Hywood, at the Senate inquiry into public interest journalism last week.

Full story here: [fabcnswbm.org.au/nl6](http://fabcnswbm.org.au/nl6)

## Janet King Season 3 Review (ABC TV)

Ben Neutze, *Daily Review* May 19 2017

It's been six years since Marta Dusseldorp first played Janet King on *Crownies*, the 22-episode legal drama which didn't quite live up to the ABC's sky-high expectations and was cancelled after just one season.

But Dusseldorp's presence as the tough and fearless prosecutor proved to be one of the show's more successful elements, inspiring the ABC to commission a spin-off series, *Janet King*, in 2014.

The first two seasons of *Janet King* proved to be popular — thanks in part to the following Dusseldorp gained from her brilliant leading performance on *A Place to Call Home*.

Those first two seasons took the often sprawling and uneven tone of *Crownies* and focused in on one character, her work, and the world surrounding her. But if *Crownies* lacked focus, the third season of *Janet King* could do with a little of its unruly spirit and sense of fun.

For this season, Janet finds herself working as part of the National Crime Commission, and investigating corruption in professional sport and match-fixing. The first episode kicks off with the death of a young, naive cricketer, caught up in a massive betting scandal.

The series is more of a mystery than a legal drama, as Janet attempts to understand a series of interconnected situations, and work out who exactly is at the top of this ladder of crime. It's a similar premise to the one covered in the second season, but the plotting is not quite as neat and quickly becomes convoluted.

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### March in the Winter Magic Parade

Our Branch will be involved in Winter Magic again this year by marching in the parade and holding a stall. This draws the public's attention to the ABC and provides an opportunity to inform people that ABC management is changing the structure rapidly and things are not always what they seem behind the scenes.