

Next Meeting: 2016/17 A.G.M. 10am, November 18th
Grand View Hotel Wentworth Falls.

Don't forget end of year Dinner
Tuesday 5th December 6.p.m.

Grand View Hotel Wentworth Falls

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EDITORIAL TEAM NOTES.

Hello again from The Team with this month's newsletter, unfortunately the last for 2017. We do not meet in December. Our first production seems to have been well received by members, but there is always room for improvement. We are constantly searching for news and information to include. It would be helpful if you could send us items of interest, news, links from selected media events, photographs and suggestions by end of month.

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On Friday 6th October 8 members of ABCFBM attended the ABC National Public Conference themed "Public Broadcasting in the 21st Century" and "Democracy Demands Diversity." The conference along with an evening dinner with keynote speaker Michelle Guthrie ABC Managing Director, who produced a wide-ranging address in which could be heard echoes of the ABC Friends Vision Statement and a very positive view for the ABC. Her audience was impressed with the optimism she displayed and the conference was confirmed to be very successful that will be covered in detail, in the next edition of ABC Friends Update.

Barry and Beverly Redshaw. Co Editors and Kirstie Boerst Production Assistant.

IT IS OUR ABC, OUR FRIENDS, OUR BRANCH, USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Please make every effort to come along to the AGM on Saturday November 18th 2017 10am.

Your attendance is essential to maintain our Branch existence. We understand your personal time is valuable to you and we respect that but 2 hours per month, February to November will keep our branch alive. Our meetings are well run, time managed and informative. The AGM is not just a meeting but a gathering of friends (ABC Friends) who support Our ABC. You will hear first-hand of the comings and goings, battles and beat ups. Our ABC is in a perilous position fighting for life against media moguls and masochistic politician's intent on blasting Our ABC into oblivion! You only have to read the everyday media to see how serious the risk of losing Our ABC really is. Have no fear we will fight to the death. Towards the end of the AGM meeting our special guest Mal Hewitt, ABC Friends NSW/ACT Immediate Past President and member of our branch will address the meeting.

This is our last meeting for 2017 and we resume February 17th 2018. Your help is needed to retain a functional branch that is considered to be one of the strongest in NSW.

SNIPPETS ON THE RUN.

- A. Children's TV should be left to the ABC, Australian networks say! Channels Seven, Nine and Ten call for local drama quotas to be relaxed as audiences move online and to on-demand services. The free-to-air networks also want the requirement that they broadcast first-run Australian Children's programs dropped entirely.
- B. ABC2 rebrands to become ABC Comedy from December 4. Get ready for a new comedy destination on your TV, your devices and your social feeds bringing together the best of Australian and International comedy and entertainment from 7.30pm to 2.am. ABC Kids will continue to run throughout the day from 5.am.

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The Latest Priority Media Feature Article.

“The Hanson plot to kill the ABC.”

The Saturday Paper, 21-27 October, 2017.

Mike Seccombe, the Saturday paper’s National Correspondent.

The federal parliament bill is entitled “The Australian Broadcasting Corporation amendment (Fair and Balanced) Bill 2017. Around the corridors of power it is being reported and referred to as “THE ONE NATION BILL”. One Nation is concerned with the content, disclosure and references following the Four Corners program investigation into the party’s activities. The “Fair and Balanced” inclusion in the title of the bill, was adopted by One Nation and negotiated for inclusion and designed to associate the National Broadcaster as not fair and balanced. The One Nation Bill is just part of Minister Fifield’s actions to satisfy One Nations revenge attack. Interestingly, ABC Managing Director, Michelle Guthrie has labelled the Bill “legislation designed to further a political vendetta.”

You can be assured that the corridors of power are loaded with many people attacking and demonizing Our ABC and there are positive responses that the Managing Director is fighting back!

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[John Pilger on Hillary Clinton, Julian Assange and the ABC’s War on Truth.](#)

The insider- The Official New Matilda Blog. October 21, 2017.

John Pilger.

On October 16 the ABC aired an interview with Hillary Clinton, one of many to promote her score-settling book “What Happened “about why she was not elected President of United States. The interview with Clinton attracted strong criticism. In the interview Clinton responds to the question, “How much damage did Julian Assange do personally to you?” Clinton’s response in great detail obviously seriously offended and angered Assange. In a tweet from London Assange cited the ABC’S Code of Practice which states “Where allegations are made about a person or organization, make reasonable efforts in the circumstances to provide a fair opportunity to respond.”

Julian Assange is considering a right-of-reply offer from the ABC after Hillary Clinton denounced him in the broadcast interview as a “tool of Russian Intelligence”

<https://newmatilda.com/2017/10/21/clinton-assange-and-the-abcs-war-on-truth/>

[Lateline, The Link to be axed in ABC overhaul.](#)

Sydney Morning Herald October 5 2017.

Broede Carmody and Adam Gartrell.

The ABC’s evening news program Lateline and Stan Grant’s, The Link will be axed as a part of a sweeping overhaul of the national broadcaster’s current affairs role. Emma Alberici and Stan Grant will stay at the ABC in other roles.

[Book Club and Doctor Blake Mysteries.](#)

Sydney Morning Herald and Mumbrella.

These two great shows are also going. Where will our budding actors and journalists get work in the future?

Alas with more “cost cuts” will anything be left of OUR ABC. This is why! “We need your HELP”

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