

July, 2019.

Next Meeting July 20th 2019. 10.am.

Grand View Hotel Wentworth Falls.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

While Sue is on R&R from our intensive and demanding FABCBM Federal Election Campaign, we have taken extracts from her Blue Mountains Friends Campaign Report: "Macquarie Electorate". Sue managed and coordinated our campaign that has been broadly praised by our members, the candidates including the elected Susan Templeman MP and FABCNSW/ACT President Ed Davis. Well done!!!

"Springwood Foundation Day in April was timely indeed. We handed out hundreds of flyers, engaging with many people interested in the plight of our ABC. Almost 300 people signed our petition (seeking commitments from all political parties and independents standing for the 2019 election). Seventeen people signed up to join ABC Friends. We believe our huge vertical banners attracted a lot of attention and we feel that this event made an impact. Handing out ABCF flyers in the Blue Mountains from all reports, were generally very well received. In Hawkesbury our efforts were not appreciated by at least half of the people we encountered at major railway stations at Windsor and Richmond.

Our Candidates Forum on Saturday 4th May, attracted more than 80 people a vast majority of attendees were Blue Mountains residents to hear the Candidates outline their views on the ABC. The Forum provided a timely opportunity to raise issues relating to the ABC in particular, and local issues in general. Our future plans must include promoting ABCF in the Hawkesbury. We will seek the assistance of our elected Labor MP Susan Templeman, whose office is situated in Windsor, in the Hawkesbury. Susan is well known for her advocacy and recently wrote, "I am encouraged by the advocacy of Friends of the ABC and through that awareness, now have a determination to support the security and longevity of the ABC".

Sue Noske President. (Extracts from Sue's Report.)

Editor's Rants and Raves.

With the election thankfully behind us we can now return to focus on "Saving Our ABC" from those who are focusing on "Death by a Thousand Cuts of Our ABC and SBS". Have no fear, the despots are sharpening their blades for the next wave of attacks!!

The disgusting secret raids by the "Duttonites" on our ABC and journalists must never happen again in the interest of Free Speech!! We watch with interest the outcomes from the court cases. Let's hope we get positive outcomes that will protect our journalists and free speech into the future from those who wish to destroy them.

We said Bye-Bye to Barrie Cassidy recently, he will be missed and we wish him well. The: "Topsy-Turvy, Stop/Start" arrival of Sky News figurehead political journalist David Speers, will be watched with interest as the "Spearhead Insider" (sic), takes the chair. (Fair and Balanced?).

The talented Co-host of News 24 Breakfast, Virginia Trioli, will be missed with her move to ABC Melbourne morning radio. Her replacement Lisa Millar has completed her apprenticeship and will take the chair alongside Michael Rowland in August.

Our thanks to all members who contributed and helped out during the election campaign in the electorate of Lindsay that suffered a disappointing result.

Thanks to the members at the June meeting for your input demonstrating your ABC loyalty, participation and enthusiasm for our cause with your knowledge and contributions. We enjoyed the meeting!!

ABCF New Branches.

You maybe aware that a new ABCF branch is in early stages of planning in Penrith/Western Sydney. Our recent discussions with Professor Ed Davis confirmed that we are not alone and that another new branch is in progress in North Sydney/Northern Suburbs. We now have received approval and support from FABCNWSW/ACT to proceed for a Forum and Launch event. We may be able to work alongside North Sydney to share the planning and processing together. We will keep you informed.

Hot Media Topics and Headlines .

'Dangerous act of intimidation': AFP raid home of News Corp journalist

Fergus Hunter Sydney Morning Herald June 4, 2019.

Police have raided the home of a News Corp journalist, Ika Smethurst in what the media company has called a "dangerous act of intimidation" after she reported on a top secret government proposal to give Australia's cyber spies unprecedented powers. * To access item download

[news corp journalist annika smethurst's home raided by afp over national security](#)

Australian Federal Police raid ABC headquarters at Sydney's Ultimo

Lucy Cormack, Fergus Hunter and Alexandra Back June 5, 2019. S.M.H.

Australian Federal Police have carried out a raid on the ABC headquarters in the inner -Sydney suburb of Ultimo. Three officers entered the Harris Street building just before 11.30 am. The plain-clothes officers were met by ABC security and staff in the lobby area of the ABC Ultimo Centre before meeting lawyers for the broadcaster. * To access item download

[abc raid: afp storm broadcaster's ultimo headquarters over 2017 afghan files report.](#)

ABC and CBC announce creative and commercial collaboration.

Peter Munro, ABC Communications June17, 2019.

The ABC and Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) have announced a creative and commercial collaboration that will enhance the reach and impact of their content across both countries. The 2 national public broadcasters have signed to co-develop English-Language drama, comedy, factual, children's and podcast content to maximise the value of their public funding for audiences. The three year collaboration, will also provide further opportunities for co-financing and format of drama and children's content.

[For more information download "about the ABC" then Media Centre.](#)

Or contact Peter Munro, ABC Communications munro.peter@abc.net.au

"Prefer to pay nothing ": ABC boss plans to end \$4m deal with Foxtel.

Jennifer Duke and Broede Carmody June 21, 2019

The ABC is negotiating with News Corp's Foxtel to end a \$4million-a-year deal allowing Australians to watch the public broadcaster's content on the pay-TV platform. ABC managing director David Anderson has been in talks with Foxtel about stopping the payment as one of several savings measures that the tax-funded network is considering after the Coalition government froze its \$1billion annual ABC budget. Mr Anderson would "prefer to pay nothing to be on Foxtel". * To access item download

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