

# SNIPPETS

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## SMALL AND OFTEN INTERESTING PIECES OF NEWS, INFORMATION OR CONVERSATION

While we have been socially distanced and isolated from our normal routines and activities the Pandemic has not stopped News Media. Life goes on! Here are a few snippets of interest, some current, others recent, flashbacks and recollections of note.

1. Sydney Morning Herald 13/5/2020, Brodie Carmody and Joe Samos. Alan Jones used his breakfast program to announce his plans to step down and said [“I have never set out to change listener’s view or influence the way they vote during my 35 years just exposing strong and mostly conservative opinions about politics, sport and culture.”](#) !!!!????? Really?
  2. [“Hundreds Facing the Sack with ABC Cuts.”](#) Saturday paper 9/5/2020, Mike Secombe. [“Staff members reveal the significant pressure they are under as the public broadcaster continues to face budget cuts of more than \\$100 million a year!”](#)
  3. Global Task Force for public media Public Media serving in a time of a Pandemic, 24/4/2020 Saturday Paper, Mike Secombe. [“The year 2020 will be forever etched in our minds.”](#) Rarely has the public service media been of greater importance than it is now. We, members of the global taskforce for public media salute the essential service being provided around the world. The members of the global taskforce across the world include Our ABC, BBC, CBC/Radio-Canada, France Televisions, RNZ New Zealand, SVT Sweden and ZDF Germany.
  4. [“Never get between an ABC presenter and a bucket of tax payers cash.”](#) Get up 9/5/2020 Andrew Bolt. Andrew Bolt spat at ABC legends, Paul Barry, Adam Spencer and Ellen Fanning for backing a fully funded National Broadcaster. Bolt was joining the IPA and the Murdoch Press to repudiate a rigorous report by Get up which shows how much Our ABC has lost.
  5. [“IPA is Wrecking Our Democracy.”](#) 15/5/2020 John Menadue [“Pearls and Meditations.”](#) Mark Buckley. If you are searching for the diminishing sense of pride attached to being Australian, the IPA is to blame. There are 23 IPA members in the Australian Parliament, some are ministerial appointments that include the Prime Minister, the Treasurer, the Speaker and the Minister for Communication. Past members include former Prime Ministers Abbott and Howard.
  6. ABC Coronavirus podcast [“Becomes the fart that was heard around the world”](#) Guardian 24/4/2020 Amanda Meade. [“ABC health editor Dr. Norman Swan shoots to international prominence with breaking news about breaking wind.”](#)
- Breaking News (sorry!) WSoS New Branch Postponement, Post-mortem review in the June 20 Update! ABCF NSW/ACT has deferred the 2020 State Conference to August 2021.
- Until we meet again, Stay Safe and Well! Bev and Barry. (In Exile)