

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back ABC Friends and Supporters!

I hope you had time over the holiday period to catch up on ABC offerings you may have missed during 2023! We trust you are exploring and enjoying the varied new programs on ABC Radio and TV for 2024....or whenever you wish via ABC iview and ABC Listen!

To better reflect the residential spread of our members and supporters we have changed our meeting times and venues for 2024.

To kick off the year, our **first general Branch Meeting will be held on Saturday 10th February at 10.00am. The venue will be the Joy Anderson Room, the Mid-Mountains Neighbourhood Centre, at 9 New St Lawson.** Branch meetings will be held in the Joy Anderson Room on every second Saturday of the month. Here is the schedule of dates :

- **10th February**
- **13th April**
- **8th June**
- **10th August**
- **12th October.**

We'll place an ABC Friends Blue Mountains poster outside the room, sporting the newish ABC Friends logo. We will provide refreshments at around 11.00am. Following our meeting, you may consider continuing the fellowship over a Lawson café lunch.

In between those abovementioned Branch Meetings, we are introducing **Saturday Coffee Chat Mornings** at various venues. We hope to encourage Friends who may prefer a more informal setting to enjoy a friendly opportunity to meet with fellow ABC supporters and defenders.

Dates and venues are:

- **9th March** at Springwood Sports Club
- **11th May** at Katoomba RSL Club
- **13th July** Glenbrook Panthers
- **14th September...** TBA—somewhere in Bathurst!

All of these Coffee Chat events will commence at 10.00 am.

In closing, a reminder to us all about ABC Friends' commitment: to fight for proper funding for our ABC and for its freedom from political interference, so that it can meet its Charter and enable it (as the Charter states) to “set the Gold Standard for ethical, quality, specialist and diverse broadcasting nationally, so as to inform, entertain and stimulate our robust Australian democratic way of life”.

Looking forward to meeting up on Saturday 10th February!

Yours in Our ABC,

Sue Noske

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Our next branch meeting: Saturday 10th February, 10.00am, in The Joy Anderson Room at the Mid-Mountains Neighbourhood Centre, 9 New St Lawson.

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