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Andrew Bent struggled with censorship by the colonial powers. But what are the contemporary threats to an informed population and a healthy democracy? And what role is there for the ABC?

The influence of the legacy media is declining. Artificial Intelligence is already playing a role in the information we absorb. Increasing numbers of Australians gain their news from social media. Misinformation and lies are everywhere.

Award winning journalist Margaret Simons presents the 2025 Andrew Bent Memorial Lecture. Her lecture will explore change in media, the nature of mediatised truth, the responsibilities of engaged citizens and the role of the public broadcaster in safeguarding and reforming our democracy.

Date Friday 6 June 2025

Time 6:00 - 7:30 PM (doors open at 5:30) Venue Ian Potter Recital Hall, The Hedberg,

Cnr Campbell and Collins Streets, Hobart

Cost Free (bookings essential via Theatre Royal)



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