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Dec 2016	ABC Friends Salutes Four Corners – the annual award presentation for Broadcasting on 25 November 2015 – Liz Jackson’s final program for 2016 – ‘Sense of Self’ laid bare her private and family life, also ‘Forgotten Children’, Royal Commissions, Rainbow Warrior, ‘Church’ of Scientology, Fossil fuel,	Awards, Investigative Journalism, Child protection, Biography, religion, coal	Robert Raymond, Michael Charlton, Rick Turk, Liz Jackson	1,4
	Editorial – Catalyst axed, gutting of Radio National, fighting for funding	Program cuts, radio	Mal Hewitt	2-3
	Quentin McDermott, investigative reporter award recipient for Four Corners	awards, broadcasting		5
	ABC Friends goes national – decision by National Steering Committee	National newsletter		5
	ABC Board demands Director of Radio National explain RN cuts	program cuts	Amanda Meade	6
	Report on ABC Friends on 40 th anniversary – campaign to convince Australians of ABC’s role. Nobel prize winner Elie Weizel: ‘We must always take sides, Neutrality helps the oppressor never the victim; Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. – the ABC is being tormented	publicity, campaigning, Murdoch media,	Ranald Macdonald, Margaret Reynolds	7
	How’s the ABC Boss doing now the honeymoon’s over? Could do better. Not happy about the gutting of RN and Classic FM	ABC Managing Director, program cuts, music	Michelle Guthrie, Dr Richard Gates	8-9



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Dec 2016 continued	Red letter day for the ABC and ABC Friends – motion from Senator Sarah Hanson-Young on loss of almost 500 jobs, closure of 50 ABC Retail outlets, reduction in children’s concerts, reduction in regional areas, reduction in government funding totaling 29.2% of 30 years	Campaigning, staff cuts, Kids TV, less Australian content, ABC shops, politicians	Ranald Macdonald, Greens Party	9
	Media Releases: ABC Friends ‘Stop using the ABC and SBS as political pawns’, Greens: ‘ABC independence traded for ABCC vote’ – a deal with Senator David Leyonhjelm for his vote on the ABCC Bill.	legislation, politics, independence, ABC Charter, opponents	Senator Hanson-Young, Margaret Reynolds	10
	From the National President – ‘Many thousands of Australians recorded their anger about the recent changes have been made in the isolated realms of the Sydney ABC headquarters’. Trading between Mitch Fifield and Leyonhjelm to secure an extra vote for unrelated legislation	Funding Cuts, Protests, ABC, laws, politicians, pork barreling, transparency	Parliamentary Friends of the ABC, Margaret Reynolds	11
	The ABC Friends 2017 Fundraising Calendar and Save RN Music Rally	Calendars, fund raising		12
	Changes to Radio National are gutting a cultural treasure trove	Radio, program cuts	Siobhan McHugh	13-14
	Hands off radio national music – 17,000 signatures sent to ABC management	Music, petitions		15
	Mid North Coast Petition to the PM and Minister for Communications	funding, rural, politics		19



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	ABC Radio's deliberate step to the right – programs should reflect diversity – Chris Bath, Patricia Karvelas, Tom Switzer, and Kim Williams from commercial media.	Right wing, politics, independence	Myriam Robin	22-23
April 2017	“You need to be prepared to make enemies’, Caro Meldrum-Hanna, who has just won the 2016 Graham Perkin Journalist of the Year Award for some of Four Corners’ finest programs in 2016, including her exposure of the treatment of inmates in the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre	awards, investigative journalism, indigenous, prisons, opponents	Amanda Meade	1, 4, 5
	More jobs gone, December 6, 2016, that the ABC would cease shortwave broadcasts on January 31, 2017. 70 years of ABC staff, studios and facilities in the Northern Territory, concentrated in Alice Update Katherine and Darwin	Short wave, funding cuts, jobs cut, editorial, rural broadcasting	Mal Hewitt	2-3
	ABC Friends expresses its appreciation to departing chairman James Spigelman for having a steady hand on the ABC tiller throughout the past five years	ABC Chairman, Resignation		3
	ABC wins Awards: Louise Milligan and Andy Burns - the Gold Quill reporting on George Pell and abuse in the Catholic Church; Bridget Judd – Young Journalist of the Year; Adele Ferguson, Klaus Toft and Mario Christodoulou – Comminsure Scandal, Nick McKenzie, Gus Goswell, Foreign Bribery Allegations	Awards, investigative journalism, Insurance scandal, bribery, reporters, Catholic church	Margaret Reynolds	5



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	'Travails with my Aunt', The further \$50 million cut to budget, continuing chopping of staff and programs, loss of the Short-Wave facility for both the NT and the Pacific, and content 'shrinkage' of programs such as Classic FM cause speculation about Auntie's future as 'Our' public broadcaster.	budget cuts, ABC Board, ABC Chairman, job cuts, short wave transmission, music, staff cuts	Michelle Guthrie, Dr Richard Gates	6-7
April 2017 continued	'Michelle Guthrie, the ABC and the turning of a once-shining jewel into mainstream sludge'. She doesn't "get" Radio National, where the mission is for more light and fluffy "flow" programming, while other resources are diluted.	criticism, ABC Chairman, Radio, job cuts, staff loss, documentaries	Richard Ackland	7-8
	An Open Letter to Michelle Guthrie - ABC Friends believes that the decision to end the Shortwave Service has undermined the ABC's commitment to reach out to all Australians. Your attendance would send a strong message that the ABC. 3 March 2017	Short Wave Transmission, rural and remote broadcasting, cuts to services, criticism	Margaret Reynolds	9
	'The Other Guthrie' - Installing a Minerals Council mole on the ABC Board, insults audiences, and demeans the ABC. We await the Minister's explanation of why Dr Vanessa Guthrie was appointed.	Conflict of Interest, ABC Board, criticism, politics, mining	Gayle Davies	10
	ABC Amendment (Rural and Remote Advocacy) Senate Committee Public Hearing Darwin, 9 March 2017. ABCF was represented in Melbourne by Ranald Macdonald, in SA by Sue Pinnock and in Darwin by Philip Brennan and David Hewitt, focusing on SW shut down.	Laws, rural and remote, short wave, criticism, emergency broadcasting	David Hewitt	11-12



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	SA Senator Xenophon to submit the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017	politicians, laws, short wave transmission		12
	One in five ABC managers – up to 200 staff – will lose their jobs in a restructure announced by ABC managing director Michelle Guthrie.	staff cuts, restructuring	Matthew Knot	13
April 2017 continued	David Anderson, currently Director of Corporate Strategy and Planning, will be the new Director of ABC Television, replacing Richard Finlayson	ABC Management, staff appointments	Matthew Knott	13
	On 23 February hundreds of ABCF gathered with SAVE RN MUSIC and CPSU outside ABC HQ in Ultimo, protesting against the loss of Catalyst, the Religious Department, and Short Wave, and in support of ABC staff	Rallies, Music, unions, Short Wave, Catalyst, Religion, Management	Michelle Guthrie	14-15
	Media Union cries foul over middle management ‘back office’ job cuts	job cuts, unions	Amanda Meade	16
	SMH listed nine “key” questions for the new Chairman of the ABC, Justin Milne. I found them crass and mostly lacking relevance.	ABC Chairman, questions, criticism	Ranald Macdonald	16
	Over 50 Parliamentary Friends of the ABC held their first meeting and heard MD Michelle Guthrie outline her plans. The group is led Craig Laundry, Dr Mike Freeland, Senator Scott Ludlam and Andrew Willkie	Parliamentary Friends, politicians, ABC Managing Director	Margaret Reynolds, Ranald Macdonald	17
	SA/ NT - Life Memberships to Diane Hart and Sharon Perry.	ABCF Life Membership	Sue Pinnock	18-19



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	Vale Lyla Elliott (1934-2017) the MLC for the North-East Metropolitan Province from 1971 to 1986 and 2 nd woman elected to the Legislative Council and the 5th woman to serve in the WA Parliament.	Obituaries, politicians	Cathy Bardon	20



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December 2017	Margaret Throsby, 50 not out (first female newsreader in 1978); Marian Wilkinson retires (former executive of Four Corners)	Female presenters, broadcasters,	Amanda Meade	1
	We mourn the passing of two ABC greats: Mark Colvin and John Clarke	obituaries	Mal Hewitt	2-3
	ABC Friends 2018 Calendar – Australian birds, photographed by John Clarke	Calendar, birds		3
	Valerie and Derek Minter have made a mobile ABC sign for their trailer	Slogans, advertising	Victoria	4
	Catalyst Fact check by a concerned scientist. Program numbers	Science, program cuts	Michelle Guthrie	5
	ABC Friends National Conference 6 October. Margaret Simons, keynote speaker, Quentin Dempster, Peter Fray, Graeme Dobell, Katelin McInerney, Ebony Bennett, Natasha Lay, Sinddy Ealy – 3 resolutions	Conference, ABC, SBS, Mergers, culture, news, resolutions, neutrality	Angela Williamson	6-11
	Big picture, few hilltops... ABC restructure by Michelle Guthrie	restructure, TV, radio	Margaret Simons	12-13
	Mal Hewitt, ABC Friends NSW & ACT President 2006-2017 – Introducing Prof Ed Davis	ABC Friends President		17
	Tribute to Klaas Woldring (former Central Coast Convener)	Tribute	Ross McGowen	21
	ABC Friends Aprons and tote bags	Merchandise, shop		22
	Open letter to Communications Minister, Mitch Fifield	politics, ABC Charter	Ranald Macdonald	23

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April 2018	The ABC's Inaugural Public Meeting (ABC Panel, Justin Milne, Michelle Guthrie, Peter Lewis, Dr Kirstin Ferguson, Dr Vanessa Guthrie, Georgie Somerset, Matt Peacock, Louise Higgins)	Public Meetings, rallies	Prof Ed Davis	1, 2, 4-5
	Obituary for Ken Inglis, noted ABC historian	Obituaries	Mal Hewitt	3
	Harold Levien (critical letter to the editor)	Letters		3
	NSW Friends' meeting with Classic FM (Chris Scaddan, Mal Hewitt, and Toby Chadd, Margaret Throsby, Damien Beaumont, Gayle Davies) Angela Williamson took the photos and made their 42 nd party cake	Music	Mal Hewitt	6-7
	My Shortwave Country – poem and cartoon	Rural broadcasting		3
	ABC Library Closures - protest	Libraries	Gayle Davies	8
	Why ABC Friends is sounding the alarm – right wing criticism	Right wing critics	Ranald Macdonald	9
	Political bias and ABC Friends	Think Tanks	Gayle Davies	9
	A public broadcaster that bows to political pressure isn't doing its job – criticism of Emma Alberici by the Turnbull government.	ABC Independence, investigative journalism	Johan Lindberg	10



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April 2018 continued	'ABC Furores: Then and Now' – 1944 ABC Population Unlimited? Debate: debaters, Norman Haire, Jessie Street, Enid Lyons, Colin Clarke	History – ABC, criticism, Independence, politics	Dr Diana Wyndham	11-12
	From the National President – Margaret Reynolds, Peter Monie, Ranald Macdonald meet Parliamentary Friends – also Mal Hewitt, Bobbie Mackley, Kate Durkin, Cathy Bardon, Sue Pinnock, Jessica Knight, Ross McDowell, Kent Eising, Prof Ed Davis, Leonie Millar	ABCF National Committee	Margaret Reynolds	12-14
	Use of Social Media to promote ABCF	Social Media	Jeff Waters	15
	ABC must spend 'more time talking to ordinary Australians' about hip pocket issues, internal review funds	Audit of media coverage	Michael Koziol	23
July 2018	Where will we be without our ABC?	Threats to ABC, politics	Ranald Macdonald	1, 3
	Special Forces, "Operation enduring tax cuts" cartoon by David Pope	Cartoon	David Pope	1
	Liberal Federal Council Votes to sell of ABC (editorial)	Threats to ABC	Mal Hewitt	2
	ABC Friends John Clarke Calendar 2018	Calendar	John Clarke	3
	Public trust and the ABC, a landmine for Malcolm Turnbull	Public trust, politics	Peter Manning	4-5
	Message from National President – Institute of Public Affairs threat	Threats to ABC, politics	Margaret Reynolds	5



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July 2018	Latest rant from IPA [Institute of Public Affairs]	Threats to ABC, politics	Prof Ed Davis	6-7
continued	The ABC remains trusted	Public trust	Justin Milne	8
	Hands off the ABC - ABCF submission to Inquiry into Competitive Neutrality of the ABC	Submission, media bias	Prof Ed Davis	9-10
	ABC Cuts – the gloves are off!	Funding cuts	Ranald Macdonald	11-
	Parliamentary Round-up	Parliament	Gayle Davies	12
	Now is the time – (intense pressures on the ABC)	Threats to ABC, politics	Matt Peacock	13
	The Cutting Wedge – The Saturday Paper editorial	Funding cuts		14
	Liberal Party council votes to sell off the ABC (IPA)	Threats to ABC, politics	David Rowe	15
	You’ve got to play to the base (ABC News)	Threats to ABC, politics	Laura Tingle	16-17
December 2018	Hands Off our ABC rallies– Melbourne (Peter Greste, Jon Faine, Magda Szubanski) and Sydney (Phillip Adams, Kerry O’Brien, Tom Keneally)	Public Meetings, rallies	4-5	1, 4 & 5
	Don’t Screw with people’s ABC – Kerry O’Brien’s address	Public Meetings, rallies	Kerry O’Brien	6-7
	Launch of ABC Alumni	ABC Alumni	Matt Peacock	7
	People’s choice not captain’s pick for Board	ABC Board	Margaret Reynolds	8



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continued	Chris Cartledge wins Life membership award as he retires	Awards	Angela Williamson	10
	Walter Bass: Founder of the Friends of the ABC	History	Dr Diana Wyndham	11-13
	Legitimacy crisis rattles public service media, in Australia and the world	Politics, Media trust	Tanja Meyerhofer	12-13
	ABC loathed in the Asia Pacific – by the Morrison Government	Asia Pacific, politics	Mark Hayes	14-15.
	ABC Friends rejects PM’s plans to commercialise Pacific broadcasting	Asia Pacific, politics	Margaret Reynolds	15
	Good riddance to Guthrie and Milne. The ABC needs grown-ups in charge	ABC Board, politics	Margaret Simons	16-17
	Wilcox cartoon: ‘Us? Inappropriately touch the ABC?? Why the very suggestion!’	Cartoon	Cathy Wilcox	16
	IPA Quiz night – name two federal government ministers who are members of the Institute of Public Affairs?	Institute of Public Affairs, politics, threats to ABC		17, 25
	How “Trumpism” is affecting the ABC	Politics, threats to ABC	Ranald Macdonald	18
	Cartoon On ‘Guarding the Australian Broadcaster’	Cartoon	David Pope	19
	Labor will restore ABC Shortwave radio to NT – Press release 19 November	Politics, Short Wave		20



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April 2019	Call to action to all who value their ABC – our ABC is under attack – call for donations [Google mycause and enter ABC Friends]	Donations, Federal Election, politics, f	Margaret Reynolds	1
	ABC Life Member Angela Williamson and David presents her book on the 2015 Kangaroo March to the Governor General and Lady Cosgrove	History, book	Angela Williamson	2
	Vale Jim Grainger, founding member of the ABCF Parramatta branch	Obituaries	Mal Hewitt	3
	Loss of Australian presence in the Asia Pacific [loss of Short wave radio]	Asia Pacific, Shortwave		3
	Competitive Neutrality Inquiry: [growth of ABC 1987-2017]	Government Inquiry, News Corp, Funding,	Prof Ed Davis	4
	Ita Buttrose: ABC Chair [Captain’s Choice but excellent]	ABC Chairman, Politics	Matt Peacock	5
	Save the ABC: Why public service broadcasting has never been more important	Public Service Broadcasting, bias	Peter Greste	6-7
	The ABC and Australian Children’s programming	ABC, Kids Broadcasting	Anna Potter	8-10
	Cartoon – Let me rephrase the question [gun to broadcaster’s head]	Cartoon, funding	Geoff Pryor	10
	Call to Action – to all who value the ABC – [funding to help in the election] www.mycause.com.au	Donations, Elections, fundraising	ABC	11
	Kerry O’Brien; Keynote address, Brisbane, 3 March [bias by conservative governments against the ABC]	Bias, politics, criticism	Kerry O’Brien	12-14



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April 2019 continued	Cartoon 'These people would sell their own mother', 'That's not true... just their aunty' – [Liberal Conference]	political opposition, ABC enemies	Matt Golding	14
	Message to politicians 'work together to restore the ABC'	funding, politics,	Ranald Macdonald	15
	ABC Friends at the Edge, Election Campaign Brisbane	funding politics, elections	Mark Hayes	16-18
	ABC Funding: A key federal election issue	funding politics,	Neville Jennings	19
	ABC: Fighting for its survival	funding politics, elections	Quentin Dempster	20-21
	Media Release – the Appointment of Ita Buttrose to the ABC Chair	ABC Chair, politics	Margaret Reynolds	21
	Mile High Charlie [Rowley C Miller](Spitfire flyer) listened to the ABC	ABC listener	Sue Pinnock	26
August 2019	Defend Media Freedom – ABC Friends Respond – AFP raids on the ABC – What you can do – join the ABC Friends Parliamentary group. FOI	FOI, Press Freedom, Police Raids, ABC, publicity	Margaret Reynolds	1, 4
	AFP Raids Resonate around the World - FOI	Press Freedom, ABC. FOI	Mal Hewitt	2
	Be better than North Korea: Amal Clooney Warns Australia. Freedom of Information (FOI).	FOI, Press Freedom, police	Nick Miller	5
	Media Chiefs unite on press freedom, but will it result in any action? Freedom of information (FOI)	ABC, Channel Nine, News Corp, press freedom, FOI	Colleen Murrell	6-7



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August 2019 continued	The National Press club had an invisible elephant in the room when ABC, Nine and News Corp showed unprecedented unity in their demand for freedom of the press (FOI) but no one spoke about the government where the real problem lies	Letters, FOI, press freedom, ABC, Nine, News Corp, Sydney Morning Herald	Dr Diana Wyndham	7
	News Corp to follow ABC in launching legal challenges over AFP raids	Police raids, politics	Amanda Meade	7
	To protect press freedom, we need more public outrage and an overhaul of our laws. Freedom of information (FOI)	Politics, laws, press freedom, FOI	Peter Greste	8
	The ABC didn't receive a reprieve in the budget. Still facing staggering cuts – table of accumulative ABC Funding Cuts, 2015-16 and 2022-23.	Funding cuts, politics	Alexandre Wake and Michael Ward	9-10
	"It should be us" ABC pushes government to reconsider \$17 million to commercial TV	Commercial TV, Funding, politics	Jennifer Duke and Broede Carmody	11
	ABC Funding: Too much, too little, about right?	Funding, public broadcaster, politics	Prof Ed Davis	12-13
	ABC Friends cements ties with our British colleagues [BBC and VLV - Voice of the Listener and the Viewer]	ABC Friends, BBC	Peter Monie, Colin Browne	13
	Margaret Throsby AM reflects on 50 years of broadcasting	History, women, broadcasters, ABC	Margaret Throsby	14-15



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August 2019	Kerry O'Brien issues a fiery call to action in Logies Hall of Fame speech	Awards, cuts, Indigenous	Karl Quinn	15
continued	Jon (Darce) Cassidy: Journalist and leader of radical organisations, including ABC Friends, South Australia	Obituaries, Activism, journalist	Jan Smith, Anna Rigg & Mark Aaron	16
	Thanks to Gayle Davies who has stood down after many years as NSW & ACT Committee Member, Secretary and Membership Secretary	Thank you, ABC Friends	Prof Ed Davis	24
	Protesters gather at Communications Minister Paul Fletcher's office	Protest Rally, politics	Sascha O'Sullivan	24
December 2019	ABC Friends meets the minister [Paul Fletcher] – Prof Ed Davis, Paul Reynolds and Margaret Reynolds to discuss ABC funding, media freedom and whistleblowing. Freedom of information (FOI)	Politics, meeting, funding, FOI, whistleblowing	Prof Ed Davis, Paul Reynolds, Fletcher	1
	Thank you Ranald Macdonald as he steps down from the position of ABCF National Media Advisor	Media Advisor	Ranald Macdonald	3
	Margaret Reynolds and Prof Ed Davis meet David Anderson ABC MD	ABC Friends	Margaret Reynolds	3
	Truth, Power and a Free Press – exhibition at the Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House, Canberra - FOI	Museums, FOI, press freedom, exhibitions	Peter Lindenmayer	3
	Heather Ewart speaks at Vic Annual dinner and Peter Monie, Victorian President, thanked the Committee and local groups	ABCF, Victoria, Dinner, Remote and rural		4-5



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Dec 2019 continued	Launch of new ABC F Branch [Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS) – Jonathan Holmes, guest speaker, Co-coordinator, Janine Kitson	New Branch, meeting	Angela Williamson	5
	Ita and Friends – Guest speaker at the Annual Dinner for ABCF in Sydney 6 September at the Castlereagh Hotel	Annual Dinner, ABC Friends (NSW & ACT)	Ita Buttrose, Prof Ed Davis	6-7
	Media bosses “encouraged” by press freedom negotiations as Smethurst case, continues. ‘Australia’s Right to Know’. FOI	Commercial TV, ABC, Press freedom, FOI, law	Fergus Hunter, Annika Smethurst	7
	Kate Reid, ABC Friend – profile [ABC publicist in the 1980s]	Publicity, ABC bookshops, marketing	Angela Williamson	8-9
	Ita Buttrose pitches ABC as “key soft power asset” [in the Asia Pacific region] and flags more foreign coverage and launch of iview	Asia Pacific Broadcasting, iview,	Megan Gorrey	9
	Matt Peacock, broadcaster par excellence – NSW and A CT broadcasting Awards for 2019	Awards, ABC Friends,	Prof Ed Davis	10
	Ongoing threats to Media freedoms and nobbling of the ABC. Freedom of Information (FOI).	Censorship, Press Freedom, politics	Fiona Martin and Michael Ward	11-12
	Peter Fitzsimons’ Andrew Olle lecture on press freedom infringements - FOI	FOI, Censorship, Press Freedom, Police raids	Sarah Thomas	12



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	Police raids on journalists not new [Maxwell Newton was searched by police in his home and office in 1969]	Police raids, censorship, politics	Patricia Clarke	14-15
	AFP Raids: Implications for Australian Democracy	Police raids, democracy, politics	Georgia Toohey, UTS student	15
	Reporting the Fitzgerald Inquiry: a neglected part of history – speech presented by Mark Hayes as the Keynote ABC Friends, Qld speech on 20 October [Investigative journalism, whistleblowing]	Corruption, Four Corners, politics, history	Mark Hayes	16-17
	ABC Friends National – Annual Report 2018-2019 – Parliamentary submissions	Annual Reports, submissions	Margaret Reynolds	18-19
	Public forum in Tasmania to discuss press freedom – Peter George, Nick McKim, Andrew Wilkie, Margaret Reynolds - FOI	FOI, Press freedom, Right to Know, Whistleblowers	Kate Durkin	20-22
	Victorian Marginal Seats Campaign for the ABC	Election campaigns	Peter Monie	25-26
	AGM, ABC Friends (NSW and ACT) – Matt Peacock gets award	AGM, awards	Prof Ed Davis	26-27
	Northern Suburbs of Sydney, launch of the branch	Branch launch	Janine Kitson	31



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Feb 2020	The World reacts to the Australian bushfires (whole issue)	Bushfires		1, 3
	Sympathy tweets: Hilary Clinton, Al Gore, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Boris Johnson, Queen, Prince Charles, Gaven Morris, Simon Chapman, Darren Chester, Phillip Coorey, Tony Koch, Anne Summers, Lucy Turnbull	Bushfires, Tweets, Emergency Broadcasting		3, 22
	ABC under “growing” pressure as bushfire emergency broadcasts surge	Funding, bushfires, EB	Jennifer Dale	6
	Cartoon – ABC budget cuts	Cartoon – cuts to funding	Phil Somerville	6
	Urgent call for Federal Government to Restore Funding	Media Release, funding	Margaret Reynolds	7
	Letters, Mike Reddy, Robin Henze, Christine Stewart, Chris Moe, John Torpy, Suzanne Buzacott, John Turner, Bernd Fichtner, Ann Morrison, Judy Mitchell, Dr Diana Wyndham, Vincent Matthews, Maggie Ramsay, Barry Swan	Letters		8
	“Life and death”: ABC battles to restore damaged networks during fires – Photo of Phil Williams in Eden [emergency broadcasting]	TV Networks, bushfires EB	Zoe Samios and Fergus Hunter	9
	First all-indigenous NSW firefighting crews protecting sacred sites, remote communities	Rural and remote, bushfires, Indigenous	Jessica Davies	10
	Media late to the game of ‘unprecedented’ fires	Bushfires, climate	Christopher Warren	11



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Feb 2020 continued	The ABC has received overwhelming praise for its “vital” emergency reporting, despite ongoing scorn from Murdoch-owned media	Bushfires, ABC, EB, Murdoch media	Amanda Meade	12
	ABC coverage of the Australian bushfires [Emergency broadcasting]	Bushfires, EB	Public Media Alliance	12
	On witnessing the horror and the best of humanity on the South Coast-Manyana fires [emergency broadcasting – EB]	Bushfires, EB	Marina Go	13
	ABC Friend Lauren Hamilton writes about her family’s experience of the fires	Bushfires, ABC radio	Lauren Hamilton	14-15
	Kylie’s bushfire story [trip to Dalmeny, emergency broadcasting]	Bushfires, ABC radio	Kylie	16
	Bushfire survival stories emerge from New Year’s Eve blazes in Victoria’s east [emergency broadcasting]	Bushfires, EB	Victoria	17
	An inspiring story from an ABC Friend [saving animals at Gospers Mountain]	Animal rescue, bushfires	Di Shanks	18
	Bushfire reports from the Mid North Coast [koala deaths]	Bushfires, animals	Drusi Meggett	19
	Fires and floods on the North Coast of NSW	Bushfires, floods	Peter Dickson	19
	From our President – 91% of those surveyed said the ABC emergency broadcasts were important to them during the crisis	Bushfires, EB, surveys	Margaret Reynolds	20



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Feb 2020 continued	ABC emergency broadcasting (EB) –[overviews, resources, partnerships, costs]	EB, ABC radio, costs	ABC	21
	ABC Emergency broadcasting - Appreciative comments – sample of hundreds	Comments, EB, ABC radio	Angela Williamson	22-23
	ABC problems in bushfire coverage [network damage, emergency broadcasting]	Transmission towers, bushfires, EB	Sue Tregeagle	23
June 2020	ABC Friends – a Call to Action [to counter ‘economic sanctions’ on ABC]	Budget cuts, politics	Margaret Reynolds	1
	Recognition of an ABC Veteran – Sean Dorney, Foreign Correspondent reporter, awarded AO in birthday honours	Awards, International, Asia Pacific Region	Mal Hewitt	2
	Impending cuts to the ABC – Monica Attard and Paul Barry by Zoom	Statistics, cuts, politics	Dr Diana Wyndham	3
	Over 15 million Australians say stop the cuts. Are you listening, Mr Morrison?	Campaign, budget cuts	Roy Morgan	3
	A Warning to the Government – Australians oppose ABC budget cuts	Funding cuts, politics	Marcus May	4
	Media turn to information during a major crisis – ABC News top	Emergency broadcasting	Roy Morgan	4-5
	Vale Mark Ruse, Distinguished producer [Fast Forward, Full Frontal etc.]	obituaries, TV series	Don Groves	5
	Hundreds facing the sack with ABC cuts	ABC Staff cuts, funding	Mike Seccombe	6-7



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	Can you help – ABC Friends in Eden-Monaro on 4 July	Politics, campaigning		7
June 2020 continued	For our ABC ‘tragics’ a PDF book [Adventures of a Radio Technician’, by Dawn Coleman about her father Stan Bancroft]	ABC Broadcasting, memoir, history	Angela Williamson	8
	Political Q & A – What do these 22 politicians have in common? – Eric Abetz, Simon Birmingham, Michaelia Cash, George Christensen, Mathias Cormann, Trevor Evans, Paul Fletcher, Josh Frydenberg, Alex Hawke, Greg Hunt, James McGrath, Scott Morrison, James Paterson, Christian Porter, Stuart Robert, Scott Ryan, Dean Smnith, Amanda Stoker, Dan Tehan, Alan Tudge, Tim Wilson – IPA	Institute of Public Affairs, ABC opponents, lobby groups, politicians		8
	IPA is wrecking out Democracy	Institute of Public Affairs, ABC opponents	Mark Buckley	9
	Quentin Dempster AO – An ABC Alumnus and former 7.30 presenter	ABC Alumni, funding		10
	Union says proposal for ABC wage freeze threatens ABC independence.	Staff cuts, unions	Katherine Murphy	11
	Cartoon – Lean ABC – Tell us about any emergencies	Emergency broadcasting	Cathy Wilcox	11
	Submission to the Royal Commission into Natural Disaster Arrangements – failure of emergency broadcasting during bushfires	Royal Commissions, bushfires, ABC	Sue Pinnock	12-13
	Extract from ABC Alumni Newsletter, no 9, May 25 – ABC kicks goals	COVID-19, bushfires	ABC Alumni	13
	Close to the bone: What it takes to tell Australian Stories, Mike Brown in conversation with Ken McKenzie, elder of Adnyamathanha descent	History, Indigenous, crime, museums	James Brown, Sue Pinnock	14-15



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	Well Done ABC! ABC Kids' Bluey scoops all major book and TV awards	Kids TV, awards, books	Bluey	15
June 2020	Cutting the ABC cuts public trust, democracy can't afford [fake news]	Trust, cutting funds,	Andrea Carson	16
continued	Thanks ABC from the Leader of the Opposition, Anthony Albanese	Politics, COVID		17
	Fact Check – book note about 'Is That a Fact?' by John Barron	Fake News, trust	Dr Diana Wyndham	17
	The Palace Letters - media release by Jenny Hocking – judgement to make archives available [but spends more than \$1 million to stop it]	Australian Archives, censorship, Queen	David Fricker	18
	The Friends Shop – abcfriends.myshopify.com	Marketing, ABC Friends	Gia Metherell	18
	ABC's Foreign Correspondents, Eric Campbell, Sally Sara, Natalia Whiting (PNG), Bill Birtles (China), Emma Alberici, Adam Harvey (Middle East), James Glenday (North America) – cutbacks and extra difficulties with COVID-19	International Affairs, TV, funding cuts, staff cuts, Journalists	Sean Dorney	19
	Letters to the SMH and The Age: Judith Fleming, Phil Armour, Graham Lum, Rob Phillips, Dr Diana Wyndham, Andrew Macintosh, Agnes Day, Gael Barrett, Ron Sinclair, William Grey, Nick Gartrell {to Minister Fletcher}, Thomas Ebersoll, Carole Wilson,, Janice Jordan, Michael and Susan Wright	Letters, politicians, support for the ABC, politics, trust, staff cuts, COVID-19, praise for ABC	Dr Norman Swan	20-21
	"Ars Gratia Artis", by Gilliam Telford, ABCF, Central Coast. Published in / <i>Protest, Poems of Dissent</i> Selected by Stephen Matthews, Ginninderra Press	Poem, politics, funding cuts		29
	Northern Suburbs of Sydney – Janine Kitson showing framed certificate of gratitude to the ABC – protests outside Paul Fletcher's office	Protests, politics, awards		30-31



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September 2020	ABC Friends: A Call to Action – ABC must be included in October ‘Jobs and Recovery Budget	Federal Budget, ABC funding, politics	Margaret Reynolds	1, 3
	ABC staff exodus – Sophie McNeill, Elizabeth Jackson, Eleanor Hall, Zoe Daniel, Sharon O’Neill, Sheryl Bagwell, Kellie Riodan, Dominique Schwartz and many, many others	ABC Staff cut, funding cuts	Mal Hewitt	2
	Cartoon – ‘No Cuts’ call the parrot – body lying in pieces	Cartoon, Funding cuts	Matt Gosling	2
	Eden Monaro by-election win for Labor Kristy McBain, ABC supporter	Elections, ABC	Mal Hewitt	2
	Letter from Ian Parmenter OAM of Margaret River, WA – former broadcaster of music programs, Talking pictures etc.	journalist, broadcaster, letters, music		4
	Interim Report Royal Commission into Natural Disaster Arrangements- 290 witnesses, 50,000 pages of documents, 1,700 public submissions	Royal Commission, emergencies	Sue Pinnock	4
	ABC Friends (Vic) slogan competition – Why is the ABC important? First prize: The ABC for truth not profit (Barry Clarke)	competitions, slogans	Marcus Ross, Jim Bamforth	5
	ABC – An Acrostic Poem	Poems, acrostics	Penny Love-Lipinski	5
	Quentin Dempster castigates political cuts to ABC	ABC cuts, criticism		6
	The ABC’s six priorities for next five years – Digital experience, Remain Australia’s most trusted, strengthen local connections; quality over quantity; invest in workforce; creative, flexible, efficient and accountable	Planning, ABC Charter, Staff, innovation, digital platform, trust	Sue Pinnock	7



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Sept 2020 continued	Tanya Crothers, Paul Parramore, Harold Levien, Ron Kerr, David Goldstein, Jane Lodge, Max Fossey, Bruce Spence, Anne Garvan, Gay Mulley, Nicole Tucker, David Sargeant, Keith Binns, Estelle Ross, Richard Jamonts, Phillip Adams, Neville Craig, Alan Gamble, S Murray, Collen Keane, Justin O'Malley	Letters, ABC enemies, politics, valued		8-9
	Open Letter to David Anderson and Ita Buttrose [Emma Alberici]	Political interference	Margaret Reynolds	10
	David Anderson, 2 September reply to Margaret Reynolds	Redundancy, staff cuts		11
	Emma Alberici and ABC finalise details of their long and messy divorce	foreign correspondents	Amanda Meade	12
	What will happen without a free press – extracts from Canadian film 'All Governments Lie: Truth, Deception and the Spirit of I F Stone' [politics, investigative journalism]	Fake news, investigative journalism, films	I F Stone	12
	If wars of the future are about influence, Australia needs to be better armed	Influence, Asia-Pacific	Malcolm Long	13
	Trust ABC Friends – 'blatantly dishonest to say no cuts'	Funding Cuts	Ranald Macdonald	14
	Cartoon – paper saying 'flagship Bulletin axed in ABC cuts' and Morrison saying 'no news is good news'	cartoon, program cuts, politics	Cathy Wilcox	14
	ABC Budes 'cuts' or 'no cuts', who is right? [Table of losses since 2014]	statistics, ABC cuts	Marcus May	15
	A curse on art, a curse on society, Government contempt for the ABC, the arts, and the academy	Arts, Universities, ABC, budget cuts	James Ley	16-17



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Sept 2020	As Uneasy as ABC – Death by a thousand cuts	ABC, funding cuts	Phillip Adams	17
continued	Freedom of speech in Australia today – AFP raids, prosecution of Julian Assange, Witness K, High Court decisions – The Right to Know campaign. Freedom Information (FOI).	FOI, Freedom of speech, police raids, politics,	Rick Sarre	18-19
	Jackie Deacon – ABC Friend Queensland – ABCF’s news-sleuth	indexing, information	Angela Williamson	20
	Farewell Colin Mason – The ABC’s first man in Asia	Asia-Pacific, obituaries	Dr Diana Wyndham	20-21
	A personal appeal for the ABC: A statement by Kerry O’Brien	ABC Alumni, Appeal		21
	The ABC’s man who crunches crisis numbers nightly: Casey Briggs who presents on the ABC’s 7pm news	statistics, COVID-19, profile	Ben Pobjie	22-23
	The case against Dan Oakes exposes how dangerously fragile press freedom is in Australia – Freedom of information (FOI)	press freedom, censorship, FOI	Peter Greste	23
	The diversity of our members – Terry Duke, Steve Nicholson	ABC Friends, profiles	Angela Williamson	31
	Liz Fell – 1940-2020 - Obituary	Obituaries, journalist	Wendy Bacon	31

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Dec 2020	Bravo ABC! The major prize-winner at the 2020 Walkley Awards, Coronacast podcast took the prize for Radio/Audio News and Current Affairs, Dan Oakes and Sam Clark in the series 'The Afghan Files, also Gaven Morris and Jo Puccini; also David McBride who still faces life imprisonment	Awards, bushfires, investigative journalism, COVID-19, war crimes, whistleblowers	Mike Willacy, Four Corners, Dr Norman Swan, Louise Milligan	1, 3
	Cartoon – 'Lest we find out' [War crimes]	War crimes	Jon Kudelka	1
	Thanks to departing State Presidents: Margaret Reynolds (Tas), Peter Monie (Vic), Prof Ed Davis (NSW). Margaret continues as National Present	ABC Friends Committee	Mal Hewitt	3
	ABC the embodiment of Australia – Ita Buttrose defends ABC	ABC, democracy	Rob Harris	4
	"Siege mentality" as ABC's Four Corners bursts Canberra Bubble – program about George Pell by Louise Milligan – Peta Credlin, News Corp critics	Politics, child abuse, investigative journalism	George Pell, Amanda Meade	5
	ABC wins Australia's only nominations at International Emmy awards [for 'Old People's Home for 4 year olds']	Films, awards, kids TV , Ludo Studio	Michael Carrington	7
	Vale Susan Ryan (1942-2020) and Dame Margaret Guilfoyle (at 94)	Politicians, obituaries	Margaret Reynolds	8
	Friends' 2021 Calendar (ad)	Calendars		8
	National President's end of year message [Media Diversity Inquiry]	Media Inquiries	Margaret Reynolds	9
	Cartoon I'm starting to think national security is a danger to journalists'	National security	Cathy Wilcox	9



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Dec 2020 continued	Coalition staffers asked ABC boss if Four Corners episode was in the public interest [Four Corners 'Inside The Canberra Bubble', Louise Milligan – toxic culture for women in federal politics	Public interest, politicians, sexual harassment	Lisa Visentin	10
	Letters: Alan Marel, David Salter, Rob Phillips, Elisabeth Goodsell, Adrian Eisler, Tony Judge, George Megalogenis, Sister Bernadette E O'Malley, David McBride.	Defence force, staff cuts, politics, whistleblowers		11
	The Shunting of Kerry Lonergan [long-time presenter of Landline]	Rural services, sacking	Mark Hayes	12-13
	The ABC has many friends in the Highlands – Belinda Wright, Mal Hewitt, Angela Williamson, Trevor Wright and Gill Graham - photo	Letter, ABC Friends, Southern Highlands	Angela Williamson	13
	What is IPA and what is its influence on Conservative Government? [analysis of the IPA's anti-ABC bile – 'Against Public Broadcasting']	ABC opponents, politics, conservative think tanks	Marcus May, John Roskam	14-15
	Spotlight on Peter Tatham, ABC Friends, Tasmania President	ABC Friends	Angela Williamson	15
	Winning Wilcox – Political cartoonist of the year	Cartoons, awards	Cathy Wilcox	16
	A clear picture of how ABC fared in the current Federal Budget – death by a thousand cuts	Funding cuts, politics, ABC Board	Ranald Macdonald	16
	Senate to launch media diversity inquiry after Kevin Rudd petition	Media Inquiry, politics	Zoe Samios	17



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Dec 2020 continued	Quentin Dempster and Rick Sarre online Conversation – Hawke Centre, ‘Criminalising journalism, silencing whistleblowers – Your” Right to Know”	Public Meeting, video, ZOOM	Sue Pinnock	18
	Barrister Greg Barns -‘Critical thought in Australia – RIP’, Tasmanian AGM	Investigative journalism	Kate Durkin	19-20
	Senate Enquiry into Media Diversity (announced in November)	Submissions, Diversity	Cassandra Parkinson	26
	ABC Media Release. ABC Education and Australian Media Literacy Alliance unite to combat “fake news” for Media Literacy Week	Fact Check, trusted, libraries		31
April 2021	ABC Scoops the pool at Australian International Conference Awards on 4 March – ‘The Australian Dream’, Miriam Margolyes Almost Australian; and ‘My body says’, ‘Mt Resilience’, ‘Love on the Spectrum’, ‘The Eleventh’ (about Gough Whitlam’s Dismissal)	Football, Documentaries, Indigenous, mental health, politics	Adam Goodes, Northern Pictures, Southern Pictures	1
	Thanks to ABC Friends: Janine Kitson who is stepping down from NSoS to prepare as a n election candidate and Margaret Foy who died in Dec	Thanks, obituaries	Mal Hewitt	2
	Comments labelled pro-Labor in ABC review were by Kathryn Greiner [ABC Fact Check, Media Watch]	Political bias, fact check	Amanda Meade	3
	Cartoon ‘In the interest of “balance” I need you to find...	Impartiality, balance	Cathy Wilcox	3
	Beacons of Integrity – PBS News Hour and Four Corners – programs: Uranium, French Connection, Black Deaths in Custody, The Moonlight State, Bondy’s Bounty, Children Overboard, Greenhouse Mafia, The	Trusted, investigative journalism, corruption, detention, mining,	Compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	4-5



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	Code of Silence, Live Baiting in Greyhound racing, Don Dale Youth Detention Centre, Banks Behaving Badly, Who Cares?	police, Indigenous, climate change,		
Aug 2021	Introducing our National Team: Margaret Reynolds, Cathy Bardon	ABC National Committee	Angela Williamson	6-7
continued	Northern Suburbs of Sydney Rally attracts 100 – photo of Rose Jackson	Public Rally	Janine Kitson	7
	The Impact of ABC staff cuts – table of statistics from GetUp! Parliamentary Research paper by Dr Tyson Wils in 2019	Staff Cuts, funding, research	Compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	8-9
	Fletcher Attacks the ABC. Again... [15 questions demanded of Ita Buttrose after Four Corners program 'Inside the Canberra Bubble]	Politicians, ABC opponents	Compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	10-11
	Cartoon: 'Dear Ita, Re Bubble: Why are the Four Corners so Sharp? PF	Four Corners	John Shakespeare	10
	The Real ABC – Sinclair Davidson, IPA co-author of anti-ABC book wrote a 'basket case of inaccuracies ' about the ABC in the AFR - the ABC gives facts	Fact check, ABC opponents	Nick Leys	11
	News Media and Digital Platforms Law [Google, Facebook, and big businesses are the winners, regional media companies lose out]	Social Media, laws, digital platforms, ABC,	Compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	12-13
	Cartoon: 'Facebook rejects govt media deal'	Investigative journalism	Cathy Wilcox	13
	Blue Mountains – Vale Margaret Foy (1934-2929)	Obituaries	Sue Noske	18
	Launch of Western Suburbs of Sydney (WSoS) Branch – speaker Alan Sunderland (Walkley award-winning former ABC and SBS executive)	ABC Friends Branch, ABC opponents	Beverly and Barry Redshaw	18



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	Letters: Lee-Ann Gorblicka, Alan Marel, Joanna Mendlesohn, Dr Diana Wyndham 'Gerard Henderson says his Sydney Institute isn't a Think Tank. It's an ultra-conservative pressure group which hates the ABC and loves Sky News'; Sue Young, Sue Dyer	Paul Fletcher, Climate Change, Sky After Dark, Fact check, affirmative action, ABC opponents		19
August 2021	'The Thing about Bluey' – [Paul Fletcher claims credit for it when the government had no involvement and refused to apologise]	ABC Kids, Awards, politics, fake news	Cheryl Heydon	1-2
	Sad farewells: Phil Williams, Hamish Macdonald	Retirement, journalists	Mal Hewitt	2
	Vale Mary Ward – veteran actress dies [Star of Country Practice etc.]	Actor, obituaries	Mal Hewitt	3
	Margaret Reynolds featured in all four programs of Annabel Crabb's Ms Represented' – history of women in Federal Parliament	Politics, Affirmative Action, TV Series		3
	From the National President – Winners of Slogan competition	Slogans, ABC, elections	Margaret Reynolds	4
	Thank You Phil Williams – ABC Journalist retires – [a key reporter during the 2019 Bushfire Emergency Broadcasting]	Retirement, EB		4
	ABC Friends (Vic) Youth Engagement Scheme - by two La Trobe University Social Work students, Breanna Stockman and Simon Murphy	Young people, volunteers, Attitudes		6
	'Shame Australia, Shame: Politicians Behaving Badly' [police raids, threats to press freedom] – Witness K, Bernard Collaery, Julian Assange, Sister Susan Connelly, East Timor, Christian Porter and ABC's investigative journalism. FOI.	politicians, police raids, whistleblowers, FOI, freedom of the press	Compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	6-7



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Aug 2021 continued	Cartoon: 'Freedom from the Press' (FOI)– court room scene of Citizen Collaery and Witness K trial (charge bought by Alexander Downer)	Law, politicians, right to know, censorship	Alan Moir	6
	Two redacted blanks surround the title of the Freedom of the Press Inquiry's report which the Senate Environment and Committee References Committee tabled on 17 May 2021. FOI	Senate Inquiry, Press Freedom, Right to Know, politicians	Compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	7-8
	Cartoon: 'Christian Porter says he's won' etc.	Fake news, politicians	Matt Golding	8
	Bobbie Mackley: ABC Friends National Secretary - profile	ABC National Committee	Angela Williamson	8-9
	"The Friends" Poet Laureate, John Clair and his poem	Profile, poem	Angela Williamson	9
	Shame Australia Shame, Politicians behaving badly [Hong Kong security laws invoked, Australian politicians' Censorship over East Timor] FOI	Press Freedom, FOI, Right to Know, politicians	Dr Diana Wyndham	6-7
	Freedom on the Press Inquiry [Special Forces in Afghanistan etc.] FOI	FOI, Politics, Police raids	Dr Diana Wyndham	7-8
	Cartoon - [Christian Porter says, Richard Colbeck says, the PM says...]	Integrity, fake news	Matt Golding	8
	Cartoon – [Morrison tilting at windmills, truth, accountability ABC etc.]	Fake news, politics,	Alan Moir	10
	Ita Buttrose and ABC Friends Tasmania celebrated World Press Freedom Day and the life of Andrew Bent (1790-1851). Photos of Peter Tatham, Bert Spinks, Ita Buttrose, Catherine Zengerer, Michael Fortescue and the audience. Ita's speech is on the ABCF website.	Press Freedom, music, newspapers, public rally, story-telling,	Kate Durkin	11-12



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August 2021 continued	ABC Friends, Victoria - Ballarat and Southern Bayside groups ran school essay and media competitions. Ballarat's <i>The Courier</i> published two stories about the competitions. Rally at the Hawthorn Town Hall, and banners on Trades Hall building and Eastern Freeway.	Essay competitions, media coverage, banners, public rally, politicians, elections,	Gai Mooney, Josh Freydenberg, Margaret Hanrahan	14-15
December 2021	Ita defends our ABC and wins round one – in a vote passed by 23 votes to 22, Labor and Greens, with cross-bench support, derailed a push to suspend a government-backed Senate Inquiry into the ABC and SBS's complaints handling process until the next term of Parliament	funding, political opposition, Ita Buttrose, complaints handling	compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	1, 3-4
	Editorial: ABC Friends in Action – letter-writing campaign to restore ABC budget	lobbying, Letters, Elections, politics	Mal Hewitt	2
	Phil Somerville cartoon - Scott Morrison: 'The ABC's lefty bias is the most appalling thing I have to deal with. It's run by a strong woman. Two of the most appalling things'.	Cartoon, Ita Buttrose, lobbying, politics	Phil Somerville	3
	ABC Friends Victoria Student Awards – Matthew Harvey, Imogen West, Adrienne Aw. Matthew to be mentored by Jim Middleton, Imogen will be mentored by Daniel Hirst and Adrienne by Studio Binocular.	Awards, journalism, design and media communications	Aynsley Mitchell, ABC Victoria	4
	Call for a new ABC Treasurer now that Margaret Whealy is stepping down – job description - if interested– please email president_nsw@abcfriends.net.au	Advertisement; ABC Friends Treasurer	Angela Williamson	4



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December 2021	Brava Fran Kelly – after 18 years at the helm of ABC RN Breakfast – image of her waving goodbye by Photo ABC/Steve Siewert.	congratulations; broadcaster, photo	Mal Hewitt	5
continued	Phil Williams: Winner of the 2021 ABC Friends Award of Excellence ‘In recognition of a long and distinguished career as an ABC foreign correspondent and a much-loved storyteller’.	Awards; Foreign correspondent	Mal Hewitt	5
	School girl requests more ABC funding – Harriett’s letters to Scott Morrison, Anthony Albanese and Greens Senator Steele-John and their replies. This was part of ABCF NSoS’s letter-writing campaign	Letters, ABC Funding, Politics, photo, lobbying	Anne Matheson	6
	Get into our ABC Gear – photos of T-Shirt, stickers and other merchandise at https://abcfriends.myshopify.com/	ABC merchandise, T-Shirts, logos, stickers	Gia Metherell	7
	Your ABC vs Their IPA, video by Jonathan Holes, funded by ABC Alumni and ABC Friends. - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PT9UOdr-sqs	Institute of Public Affairs; fake news	Jonathan Holmes, ABC Alumni	7
	From the National President, Margaret Reynolds – Future of the ABC is now on the political agenda – Ten point action plan	Politics, funding, lobbying,	Margaret Reynolds	8
	Four Corners is 60 – Lists key people involved – ABC Alumni tribute on - https://abcalumni.net/2021/08/12/diamond-jubilee-four-corners-celebrates-60-fabulous-years/	ABC TV, investigative journalist, politics, ABC Alumni	Dr Diana Wyndham	9



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Dec 2021 continued	A Victory of Journalism. Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov win the Nobel Peace Prize for 2021 – the 3 rd time in 120 years that journalists have won this award and Maria is the 18 th woman to win the prize. – photo by Isaac Lawrence, Agence France-Presse.	Nobel Peace Prize, investigative journalism, peace, Philippines, Russia	Dr Diana Wyndham	10
	Congratulations Cathy Wilcox - award winning cartoon in NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence – cartoon from SMH 17 March 2021	Politics, cartoons, women	Cathy Wilcox	11
	Farewell Gaven Morris, head of ABC news and investigations – photo of Angela Williamson, Gaven Morris and Joe O’Brien at Friends dinner	ABC Managers; 7.30, photo	Dr Diana Wyndham	11
	Letters: Ross McGowen sends advice to Paul Fletcher re sowing seeds of distrust (and Fletcher’s reply); Anthony Malivanek (‘Fox news accusations of ABC bias’); John Dengate (so-called bias of ABC); Ann Garvan and Ron Sinclair (Go, Ita!); Ann Eskens and Alison Stewart (What about Porter?); Graham Hackett (Coalition’s ABC Attack); Dr Diana Wyndham (Partisan Inquisition over complaints handling)	Politics, ABC funding, bias, climate change, free speech, complaints panel; funding cuts; political opponents	Ross McGowen, Paul Fletcher	12
	The Struggle for Radio Australia – Celebrating 80 years of broadcasting – map of cover for Australia Plus TV, RA, Shortwave etc. Three video programs made by Claire M Gorman, Helen Grasswill and Geoff Heriot - https://abcalumni.net/?s=facing+a+world+in+disarray	Foreign Correspondents; Asia Pacific; politics, funding cuts, videos	Dr Diana Wyndham Malcolm Long. Ita Buttrose	14-15

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December 2021 Continued	State News. Tasmania – At the AGM Judy Tierney spoke about ‘Journal of a journalist’ – announcement of life membership to Margaret Reynolds from existing life member Anne O’Byrne	Tasmania, ABC Friends Life Members	Peter Tatham, Pres ABC Friends Tas	16-17
	<u>South Australia/Northern Territory</u> ; Sandra Coopman and Sue Spinnock wrote a Strategic Framework 2021-2033. Sent condolences to colleagues re death of Philip Satchell, ABC presenter at ABC Adelaide	Obituaries; planning; campaigning	Sue Spinnock, Pres ABC Friends SA/NT	17-18
	<u>Western Australia</u> : Election results – Victoria Park Markets; meeting Ita by ZOOM; question by John Macgowan- summary by Cathy Bardon; Vale Russel Woolf (Woolfy), ABC Perth Presenter	New Committee, politics, members, markets; obituaries	Bobbie Mackley, Pres, ABC Friends WA	18-19
	<u>Victoria</u> . Photos of ABC Victoria office at Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane and showing various campaign posters with details on https://www.facebook.com/ABCFriendsVic	Advertising, slogans, tweets, rallies	Michael Henry, Pres ABC Friends Vic	20-21
	<u>Victoria – Local Groups</u> - List of contacts - Ballarat; Bendigo, Blorondara; Eastern Melbourne, Western Melbourne, Northern Melbourne, Southern Bayside. and competitions	Students, politics, campaigning, meetings	Gail Mooney, Vic Local Groups Convenor	21-22
	<u>Queensland</u> . Details of 27 public meeting “How Good is Your ABC” at Malaney which was videoed by Mick Fanning and is listed on www.facebook.com/FABCQld/videos/376138607504531	Video, public meeting, politics,	Quentin Dempster; Bianca Clare, Dr Mark Hayes	22



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December 2021 continued	<u>NSW and ACT</u> . AGM listed the new committee members and said farewell to Angela Williamson, Janine Kitson, Carmel McCallum and Jason Lowe – Life membership presented to Margaret Whealy – federal election plans; excellence in Broadcasting award to Philip Williams.	ABC Friends Committee members, Life memberships; politics	Cassandra Parkinson, Pres, ABC Friends NSW & ACT	22-23
	NSW Branch News: <u>Blue Mountains</u> – mention of newsletter with Editor, Ian Bate – www.fabcnswbm.org and campaigning in their Federal electorate of Macquarie	newsletter; election campaign,	Sue Noske, Pres, ABC Friends Blue Mountains	24
	<u>Northern Tablelands</u> – October meeting at the Armidale Bowling club and ZOOM hosted by Peter Martin and latest news at www.abcfriends.net.au/nsw_act_northern_tablelands_branch - AGM talk by Julie Day from UNE.	newsletter, election campaign, defamation and social media	Bruce Stevenson, Pres, ABC Friends Northern Tablelands	24-25
	<u>Northern Rivers</u> – gearing up for campaigning in Richmond and Page electorates (including Kevin Hogan, Federal MP for Page)	politics, campaigning	Peter Dickson,	25.
	<u>Southern Highlands</u> . 90 years of ABC on 1 July 2022 – Four Corners and significant milestones. Organised a questionnaire for political candidates.	history, celebrations, campaigning, politics	Belinda Wright,	25
	<u>Central Coast</u> . First in person meeting since the state of 2021. Pre-election rally and plan to distribute 1,400 voting cards based on answers to Facebook questionnaire.	Trust, ABC, questionnaire, campaigning, politics	Ross McGowen, Convenor, ABCF Central Coast	25
	<u>Western Suburbs of Sydney (WSoS)</u> – hold two community markets at Glenbrook and Windsor – developing election campaign	markets; politics, campaigning	Bev and Barry Redshaw, WSoS	



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December 2021	<u>Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS)</u> – Meeting with the Minister, Paul Fletcher – raised issues of transmission costs, need for funding for Radio Australia, reinstatement of short wave broadcasting etc.	Politics, emergency broadcasting, funding lobbying, Short Wave	Lindsay Somerville, Convenor, NSoS	26
continued	<u>Hunter</u> – Setting up a petition to parliamentarians in local electorate, getting bumper stickers etc for the election.	Lobbying; elections	Allan Thomas, Sec, ABCF Hunter	26
	<u>Eastern Suburbs</u> – the 28 October webinar with Quentin Dempster and former Commissioner Fire and Rescue NSW Greg Mullins – see link to www.abcfriends.net.au/tge_abc_and_the_election_video Forming a campaign committee for the federal elections	Emergency broadcasting, fires; investigative journalism, politics	Prof Ed Davis, ABCF, Acting Pres Eastern Suburbs	27
	ACT & SE NSW Region. Had first post-lockdown stall in Canberra and are promoting ABC merchandise and planning strategy for the election. Listed candidates who are pro and anti-ABC in seats of Eden-Monaro and the Sapphire Coast.	Politics, campaigning, ABC merchandise	Peter Lindenmayer, Convenor, ABCF ACT and SE NSW	27
April 2022	Save Our ABC – Ten Point Plan – online on the new website www.voteabc.org.au	Politics, lobbying, funding, election	Cassandra Parkinson	1
	From the Editor – what has the ABC lost since 2014? Can the ABC survive another term of the Coalition? Thank you Four Corners	Funding cuts, politics, lobbying	Mal Hewitt	2-3
	Now more than ever: Australia’s ABC – new book by David Anderson	Funding cuts, politics	David Anderson	3



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April 2022 continued	Where do the candidates stand on the ABC? Questions to ask candidates – ABC’s key demands. The ABC deserves better	Elections, lobbying, poster, funding cuts	Cassandra Parkinson	4
	ABC logo ‘no go’, Response from the National President. Political opponents; demands made by Senator Andrew Bragg – new logo	Logo, political opponents, politics	Margaret Reynolds	5
	ABC to Boost Asia-Pacific Broadcasting – not all good news – the cuts were around \$200 million and \$12 have been added	Asia-Pacific broadcasting, budget	Dr Diana Wyndham	6
	ABC Facts to use in Lobbying – David Anderson gives facts and Kerry O’Brien says “Your ABC? It’s time to stand up and be counted”.	Lobbying, trust, independence	David Anderson	7
	Lies and Falsehoods: The Morrison Government and the New Culture of Deceit” – new book – Crikey have also compiled a dossier of lies.	Fake news, politics, fact checking, poster	Bernard Keane, Private Media	8
	Vale Moss Cass – a 1970s champion of the ABC and progressive causes	Environmentalism, human rights, politics	Dr Diana Wyndham	8
	Vale Peter Cundall, AM – host of ABC’s Gardening Australia, environmentalism, pacifist, horticulturalism, POW	Celebrity, obituaries	Dr Diana Wyndham	9
	Vale Rita Hamblin – a pioneering female ABC producer and journalist,	Radio, obituaries	Dr Diana Wyndham	9
	Vale Brian Davies – news, politics and ABC Four Corners plus work for asylum seekers, broadcasting for indigenous Australians, Update editor	Human rights, broadcaster, obituaries	Dr Diana Wyndham	9



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April 2022 Continued	Don't be relieved by what ABC funding promises: it's not what it seems. Paul Fletcher is pulling a confidence trick – ABC's funding still down	Politics, Budget Estimates, funding cuts	Quentin Dempster	10-11
	Cartoon: The Light on the Hill (ABC in flames)	Cartoons, budget cuts	Phil Somerville	10
	Poster: The Coalition is No Friend of our ABC	Politics, budget cuts	GetUp!	11
	Most Australians want ABC Funding Restored: Australia Institute Poll	Politics, budget cuts	Dr Diana Wyndham	12-13
	Cartoon: The ABC Logo being squeezed in a vice	Cartoons, funding cuts	John Ditchburn	12
	Good News for Rural Journalism? (Google and Facebook deal)	Rural broadcasting	Dr Diana Wyndham	13
	BBC and ABC Face Similar Attacks: "The War Against the BBC. How an unprecedented combination of hostile forces is destroying Britain's greatest cultural institution ... and why you should care".	Opponents, fake news, politics, review by Dr Diana Wyndham	Patrick Barwick, Peter York, Jonathan Yerushalmy	15
	South Australia / Northern Territory news	ABC Friends SA/NT	Sue Pinnock	16
	Tasmania news with new ABC election posters	ABC Friends Tas	Kate Durkin	16
	Western Australia news with posters of visit to Northam Markets	ABC Friends WA	Bobbie Mackley	17-18
	Victoria News with posters	ABC Friends Vic	Michael Henry	18-19



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	NSW Branch news – Southern Highlands with posters	ABC Friends	Belinda Wright	19-20
April 2022	NSW Branch news – Northern Tablelands	ABC Friends	Prof Ed Davis	20
continued	NSW Branch news – Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS)	ABC Friends	Lindsay Somerville	20-21
	NSW Branch news – Northern Rivers [in the midst of floods]	ABC Friends	Peter Dickson	21
	NSW Branch News -Northern Tablelands	ABC Friends	Bruce Stevenson	21
	NSW Branch news – Central Coast [+ Ross Gittings’ letter to IPA]	ABC Friends	Ross McGowen	22
	NSW Branch news – ACT & SE NSW [+ blurb for “Who Needs the ABC? By Professor Matthew Ricketson and Dr Patrick Mullins].	ABC Friends, book review	Peter Lindenmayer	22
	NSW Branch news – Sapphire Coast [lobbying in Eden-Monaro]	ABC Friends	Dianne Beckett	23
	NSW Branch news – Blue Mountains [talk by Jonathan Holmes]	ABC Friends, webinar	Sue Noske	23
	Flood alert “Keep listening to your local ABC radio station”	Emergencies	NSW Government	23
August 2022	Farewell from Margaret Reynolds who steps down after six years at the National President of ABC Friends. We now have 67,000 members	ABC Friends National, membership numbers	Margaret Reynolds	1
	Editorial. Farewell, Margaret Reynolds, Tasmanian changes (farewell Kate Durkin, welcome Peter Tatham), cuts to ABC librarians’ jobs	Librarians, Archivists, Job cuts, ABC	Mal Hewitt	2



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	Margaret Reynolds Reflects.	ABC Friends National	Angela Williamson	3-4
August 2022 continued	The ABC is vital to Australian Democracy, by Fiona Stanley in the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> on 16 September 2014. Ranauld McDonald AO reminded us that her words are just as vital in 2022 as they were then.	Democracy, program cuts, science broadcasts, ABC Board	Fiona Stanley, AC FAA FASSA' Ranauld McDonald, AO	4-5
	"It's Our ABC", song by Jonathan Biggins (tune: "Flash Jack from Gundagai"); Mal Hewitt singing and Paul Thom on keyboard.	Song; Folk Song; ABC Friends	Mal Hewitt, Jonathan Biggins	5
	"Charges against lawyer Bernard Collaery dropped." ABC News 7 July. Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus has ordered the Commonwealth to drop the prosecution, four years after they were laid. For the context see The reports on the 2020 Gold Walkely award for Mike Willacy and the "Afghan Files" (on 4 Corners) and the "Shame, Australia, Shame" article as listed in author column. Freedom of Information (FOI).	Whistle-blowers, Awards, Investigative journalism, politics, police raids, Right to know, press freedom, war crimes. FOI.	[See also Update Dec 2020, pp 1 & 3 and August 2021, pp6-8].	6
	Historian, writer and speechwriter Don Watson reflects, extracts from his book "There it is again: Collected writings" (2003)	Memoir, ABC, politics	Don Watson	6
	"Phillip Adams: 30 Years a Presenter of LNL" – Adams interviewed by David Anderson spoke about Late Night Live and asked about Adams' views of the IPA, questioning the government and the role of the ABC.	Late Night Live, broadcaster, threats to the ABC, politics	Phillip Adams, David Anderson	7
	"Bluey wins again" – Bluey won the Logie for "Most outstanding Children's Show" and interview of Daley Pearson, Executive Producer of Bluey and co-founder of Ludo Studio who created the show.	Kids TV Awards, cartoons, television	Bluey, Ludo Studio, Daley Pearson	7



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August 2022 continued	Pro ABC quotes – “Most Australians love the ABC and only tolerate politicians” and “Coverage of the Canberra bubble and political news is but a fragment of what the national broadcaster delivers. The ABC is much more than 7.30, Insiders and Q&A”.	Politics, television, radio, current affairs, opinion polls, national broadcaster, ABC	Jacqueline Maley, <i>SMH</i> journalist, John Faine, former ABC broadcaster.	7
	“Vale Caroline Jones, AO – a tribute to a treasured ABC TV presenter.	Obituaries, trailblazer	Dr Diana Wyndham	8
	“Paul Fletcher punished by ABC backlash”, and “Why the Liberal Party lost the 2022 federal election”, Janine Kitson reflects on her experiences as a candidate in the Federal seat of Bradfield.	Politics, elections, Liberal Party, ABC Friends	Janine Kitson	9
	“Welcome Justin Stevens”, the new Head of ABC News, Analysis and Investigations. MD David Anderson said how well-equipped he is.	ABC Management, News, Television	Justin Stevens, David Anderson	10
	ABC’s Four New top jobs” – Sarah Ferguson, Matthew Carney, Morag Ramsay and Joel Tozer – announced by Justin Stevens.	ABC Management, News, Television		10
	“Save the jobs of ABC librarians and archivists” – ABC Management proposal to cut the jobs of 58 librarian and archivist positions.	Librarians, Archivists, Journalists, Lobbying	Dr Diana Wyndham	11-12
	“ABC to the rescue” – ABC Radio Perth program helped a homeless woman find a roof over her head.	Radio, Appeals, Homelessness		12
	“ABC celebrates 90 years” – photos of Joseph Lyons at the first broadcast on 1 July 1933 and the ABC’s Outside Broadcast van.	Celebrations, ABC, Television, Radio	Joseph Lyons	13



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August 2022	“A new development for a new decade: a science channel for the ABC?” by Richard J Harding, an ABC Friend	Science, Television, Proposal	Richard J Harding	14-15
continued	“Why the ABC’s role during Australian emergencies is so important” award winning essay Ben Ward, by a 13-year-old.	Essay competitions, Awards, ABC	Ben Ward	15
	State News: NSW - photos of Michelle Rowland, Sarah Hanson-Young and Zali Stegal and “Democracy depends on a strong ABC” banner at the pre-election rally; Labor’s promises; annual dinner; what’s next.	Rallies, Elections, politics, ABC	Cassandra Parkinson	16-17
	<u>South Australia/Northern Territory</u> – Election questionnaire and political campaign.	Rallies, Elections, politics, ABC	Sue Pinnock	17-18
	<u>Victoria</u> – Social media, local Groups: Southern Bayside, Eastern, Inner Melbourne, Northern Melbourne, Ballarat; Electorates: Deakin, Casey, McEwen; ABC Speakers Bank; attracting younger friends.	Rallies, Elections, politics, ABC, young people, social media	Sophie Arnold, Gail Mooney, Tom Hall	18-20
	<u>Western Australia</u> – Election campaigning: photo of Curtin Scorecard; Dilip Parek entertains visitors at the Victoria Park markets; social media; videos, questionnaires; stalls	Surveys, Elections, politics, ABC, social media, banners	Bobbie Mackley	20-21
	<u>Tasmania</u> – election campaigning and questionnaires in six electorates; farewell and thanks to Margaret Reynolds who will continue to contribute to the ABC Friends Tasmania Committee.	Surveys, Elections, politics, ABC, social media, banners	Peter Tatham	21-22



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August 2022 (cont)	<u>ACT & SE NSW</u> – social media campaigns in two marginal electorates, Eden-Monaro and Gilmore; participated in Council of the Ageing Seniors Expo at the Canberra Showgrounds (photo of Garth Satchell).	Surveys, Elections, politics, ABC, social media, banners	Peter Lindenmayer	22
	NSW Branch News: <u>Central Coast</u> –surveys and election campaigning; Jonathan Holmes address in Woy Woy, Obituaries for ABC Friends, Margaret Lund and Tom McDonald (with photo of Tom).	Surveys, Elections, politics, ABC, social media, obituaries	Ross McGowan	23-24
	<u>Western Suburbs of Sydney (WSoS)</u> – covered pre-poll community events –. Many voters took ABC flyers and supported the ABC.	Surveys, Elections, politics, social media	Bev and Barry Renshaw	24
	<u>Southern Highlands</u> – Art competition for pupils at the Bowral School with Andrew Ford (ABC’s “Mr Music Man”) addressing the crowd; cake to celebrate ABC turning 90, ‘fairy’ Erin and piccolo pony & B 1 and B2.	Art competition, Music, ABC Radio, Birthday, school kids	Angela Williams	24-25
	<u>Northern Rivers</u> – ABC Survey results and a half-page ad was placed in the three bigger local papers, <i>Byron Shire Echo</i> included the photo of the poster “In an Emergency, ABC broadcasting saves lives”	Surveys, politics, ABC, Emergency broadcasting, Floods	Peter Dickson	25-26
	<u>Northern Tablelands</u> : -Sent out questionnaires; attended the Armidale Markets and received confirmation of the limited broadcasting strength of RN across area; held an event at the Wicklow Hotel.	Surveys, Elections, politics, social media, broadcasting range	Bruce Stevenson	26

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August 2022 (cont)	<u>Blue Mountains</u> : letter-boxed thousands of flyers. ABC Friends were at Springwood, Richmond and Katoomba pre-polling booths. Emergency broadcasting most effective. Susan Templeton, Labor MP retained her seat of Macquarie with an indisputable margin of 7.8%	Surveys, politics, ABC, Emergency broadcasting, elections; ABC Parliamentary Friends	Sue Noske	26-27
	Blurb for independent journalist Tim Burrowes' book "Media Unmade: Australia's media's most disruptive campaign."	Media, books; politics, television, politics	Tim Burrowes	27
	Cartoon by Phil Somerville: "Sometime in 2035..."	Cartoons, ABC	Phil Somerville	27
December 2022	ABC Wins Major Walkley Awards: Gold won by Anne Connolly, Ali Russell and Stephanie Zillman for their Four Corners investigations, <i>State Control</i> ; to Sally Neighbour for her outstanding contribution to journalism which led to four royal commissions; photographer of the year; Television/video camera work; Community and regional affairs	Awards, investigative journalism, aged care; justice; banking; water; photography; floods; wars; Ukraine Wars	Bendan Esposito; Ryan Sheridan; Sean Rubinstein-Dunlop	1
	From the Editor, Mal Hewitt OAM: : ABC stars in Walkleys; support from the new government; the move to Parramatta; farewell to valued friends including Angela Williamson; ABC's 90 th anniversary	Awards; politics; ABC offices; job vacancy; tributes; celebrations	Bobbie Mackley, Sue Pinnock, Paul Martens, Dr Diana Wyndham	2-3
	Anthony Albanese Applauds the ABC. Highlights of his speech: Trust and truth; a lifeline in disaster, comedy, connections, kids; music; a voice in the region and a pillar of democracy	Trust, lifeline; regions; emergency planning; independence	Bluey; Triple J; Rage;	3-4



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December 2022 continued	The ABC remains the Most Trusted. Roy Morgan Research “Trusted Brand winners for 2022 in a survey of media; television companies; newspapers and products including Facebook, Rio, AMP, Murdoch	Trust; fake news; media; surveys; research; integrity	ABC, Google; NewsCorp; Sky News, Fox News	4
	Aunty’s Agony. There was union action and Zoe Samios, John Bornstein and Margaret Reynolds, indicated problems in reporting balance; international coverage; staff training; truth-telling.	Criticism, ABC; bias; politics; staff pay; journalism; democracy	Dr Diana Wyndham	5
	More than a Friend of the ABC: Angela Williamson interviewed Corin Fairburn-Bass about the pioneering work she and her husband Walter Bass did in establishing ABC Friends NSW in 1976 and subsequently.	ABC Song; photograph; tribute; “Flash Jack from Gundagai”, choir	Angela Williamson Jonathan Biggins	6
	Job Vacancy: Volunteer for Update Production Manager. Angela Williamson is stepping down. Job description: hours, skills and contact details for applicants to apply to editor_update@abcfriends.net.au	Advertisement; ABC Friends Production Manager	Mal Hewitt	7
	The Budget and important first step in restoring the ABC – five-year funding; expansion of regional and international areas	Funding; ABC funding; politics; journalists	Cassandra Parkinson	7
	Fiona Cameron – the ABC’s new Ombudsman – after a review by John McMillan and Jim Carroll, her appointment came on 1 August 2022 – criticism of the reporting only to the Board, bypassing ABC Managers	Ombudsman; politics; ABC management, complaints handling	Dr Diana Wyndham, Cassandra Parkinson, David Hardaker, Alan Sunderland	8
	ABC Secrecy about cuts to library and archive positions; redacted response to FOI application by Gayle Davies; cartoon by Cathy Wilcox;	Libraries; Archives; ABC Management,	Dr Diana Wyndham,	9-10

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	Right to Know campaign. Digitisation; journalist roles. Australian Library and Information Association; Australian Society of Archivists	secrecy; job cuts, unions; protests	Jonathan Holmes; ABC Alumni	
Dec 2022 Continued	Concern about ABC programming; hand-written letter to Update from Marcus Reseigh, Edudna, Mid North Region of South Australia. Photo	Complaints; bias; reporting; News	Radio National; Robyn Bradbrook	10
	The ABC move to Parramatta – complaints that it seems to be an irrational, costly and unwise decision which has been driven by politics	Relocation; politics; criticism; staffing	Dr Diana Wyndham	11
	How many ABC journalists will report from COP27 in Egypt? Comment on staff cuts to affecting ABC journalists doing overseas broadcasts	climate change; criticism; world affairs	Margaret Reynolds	12
	Vale Sarah Tomlinson, ABC Mildura-Swan Hill and Wimmera chief-of staff who died at the age of 40 in South Australia	Obituaries; ABC broadcaster	Sarah Tomlinson	12
	Letters to the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> – young and old Australian audiences for ABC programs; whistleblowers and truth-telling; Minister Paul Fletcher and RISE [Restart Investment to Sustain]; “no worries” country; floods; ABC funding; integrity; transparency.	Whistleblowers; ageism; politics; criticism; investment; funding; corruption	Margaret-Anne Hayes; Anne Matheson; Lindsay Somerville; Jenny Forster	13
	Cartoon by Phil Somerville: Man: “You’ve not wasting your time watching that lefty ABC are you?” [Woman switches man off].	Cartoon; bias; ABC	Phil Somerville	13
	From the National President. Comments about the Minister for Communications, Michelle Rowland’s new budget for the ABC	politics; budgets; staff cuts; democracy	Cassandra Parkinson	14



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	State News: <u>Tasmania</u> . Speakers at the AGM: Professor Julianne Schultz spoke about her book; Will Fitzgibbon (investigative journalist), Life membership to Kate Durkin.	AGM; investigative journalism; book; awards	Peter Tatham	16
	State News: <u>Western Australia</u> . Speaker at the AGM: Jonathan Holmes; Life membership to Bobbie Mackley, former President + photo	AGM; investigative journalism; awards	Cathy Bardon; Raman Kaur	17
	State News: <u>Victoria</u> . Dinner with Minister Michelle Rowland and MP Zoe Daniel; <i>NewGen</i> Initiative; Ashleen Campbell Writer’s prize winner	Youth; AGM; awards; writing; politics	Michael Henry; Helen Sykes.	18
	State News: <u>Victoria Local Groups</u> : Eastern; Outer East; Southern Bayside; Western Melbourne; Northern; Ballarat; Bendigo; Geelong – photos of debate winners; markets; <i>NewGen</i> Initiative	Markets; debating; competitions; youth audience, politics	Gai Mooney	18-19
	State News: <u>South Australia/Northern Territory</u> – new Committee	Communications	Daryl Regan	19
	State Branch News: <u>Central Coast</u> : Jonathan Holmes was a speaker; markets; ad for Christmas lunch and monthly meetings	Politics; brochures; funding for ABC	Ross McGowen	20
	State Branch News: <u>Northern Rivers</u> : AGM and celebrations for the ABC’s 90 th anniversary; photography competition – photos by Joli Hall; Spencer McKinnon. Appreciation of new government’s five-year funding	Photography; AGM; competitions; funding	Peter Dickson	20-21

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December 2022 continued	State Branch News: <u>Northern Tablelands</u> : Change of title from President to Convenor and new President. Tribute to Dr Bruce Stevenson; Annual Media Prize; talk by Robyn Williams, host of Radio National's Science Show – photo of Brian Byrne and Robyn Williams	AGM; Tribute; Science; Radio National's <i>Heywire</i> ; history; ABC; prize; media; youth	Brian Byrne	21
	State Branch News: <u>Southern Highlands</u> : Special guest Margaret Reynolds; markets; letters for local MPs; ABC Art competition	Art competition; letter-writing; awards	Angela Williamson	22
	State Branch News: <u>Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS)</u> : Thanks for Lindsay Somerville; Anne Matheson; Diana Tyne; Jonathan Biggins, Corin Fairburn-Bass. Photos Jenny Forster, Cassandra, Gerry Constantinov and ABC Friends NSoS celebrating International Democracy Day	Guest Speaker program; ABC song; meetings; democracy; politics	Janine Kitson	22
	State Branch News: <u>Blue Mountains</u> : Springwood Spring Festival. AGM Guest Speaker Bill Wyman, lecturer and regular political commentator. Photo of Bill with Chas Licciardello recording of <i>Planet America</i> podcast.	Festivals; politics; podcasts; AGM	Sue Noske	23
April 2023	Suzanne Dredge the new head of Indigenous New. Comments by Bridget Brennan, Justin Stevens, Natasha Johnson, Jo Puccini	Indigenous, ABC Management, history	Dr Diana Wyndham	1, 3
	Editorial – ABC resources, Alice Springs fiasco, Labor's Shortwave promise, David Hewitt, farewell Angela Williamson, welcome to Production Manager Raul Arregui and Proofreader Sue Zeckendorf	Indigenous, history, Shortwave, politics	Mal Hewitt	2, 3
	Vale Jeff Watson – veteran journalist and presenter of <i>Towards 2000</i>	Obituaries, TV, journalist		3



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April 2033 continued	From the National President. Campaigning for funds, congratulations to Michelle Rowland, ABC budget	Funding, politics, ABC budget	Cassandra Parkinson	4
	Cartoon by Phil Somerville – Budget increase since 2022, average budget since 2014	Cartoons – ABC budget, funding cuts	Phil Somerville	4
	“Bias at the ABC?” Allegations by Rupert Murdoch’s Fox News, response by Nerida O’Loughlin, Chair of Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). Comments by Philip Bell, Nick Leys, Justin Stevens, Zoe Samios, Latika Bourke, Sarah Ferguson, Alan Sunderland, Jonathan Holmes.	Bias, politics, Four Corners, ABC Management, fake news, free press, ethics, Right to Know	Dr Diana Wyndham	5-6
	Cartoon by Cathy Wilcox [two arms pulling ABC logo]	cartoon, criticism	Cathy Wilcox	6
	“BBC Woes” - pressure on BBC, book by Patrick Barwise and Peter York, warnings by Lord Melvyn Bragg, Sir David Attenborough, Gary Lineker, Sir Keir Starmer, Rishi Sunak, letters to <i>SMH</i>	Right wing criticism, BBC management, politics, nature	Dr Diana Wyndham	7
	The ABC in Alice Springs – history: pedal radio, journalists, criticism, local reporters: Stewart Brash and Alex Nelson, 19 November 2018 Labor promise restore shortwave. Community radio	politics, rural and remote, indigenous, short wave, history	David Hewitt	9-10
	<i>Australia Calling: The ABC Radio Australia Calling</i> by Dr Phil Kafcaloudes – book note. Community radio, international services	book review, Radio Australia, history	Dr Phil Kafcaloudes	10-11



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April 2023 continued	National Cultural Policy – Revive: a place for every story, a story for every place. Summary the ABC positioning of First Nations People at the centre of this five-year plan. Five pillars of policy are listed.	politics, indigenous, cultural policy, ABC audiences, story-telling	Dr Tess Howes	11
	Bravo Craig McMurtrie! Comments on leaving the ABC –he examines false claims of bias - (being left wing; inner city elite; not accountable and marks its own homework).and he responses to these claims.	right-wing criticism, politics, freedom of the press, independence	Dr Diana Wyndham	12-13
	Brava Linda Motram! ABC Veteran – Walkley award winner in radio current affairs category for her report Kosovo Corpses”, exec producer of RN Breakfast and host of PM for over 30 years	retirement; journalist, Walkley award, foreign correspondent, radio		13-14
	Behind the Scenes Bravery: John Tulloch, pioneering Foreign Correspondent; Fooley, German Shepherd in PNG	Bravery; Foreign Correspondent, dog	Dr Diana Wyndham	14
	The ABC Ombudsman’s first report. Fiona Campbell – reporting of the Alice Springs Town meeting – journalist Carla Williams. Photo: Charmayne Allison. Fox Media complaint	Ombudsman, complaints handling, Indigenous, bias	Dr Diana Wyndham	15
	The ABC’s “rubber band’ – former ABC Melbourne radio journalist Jon Faine discussed ABC shortcomings, including Parramatta move and mentioned Tom Molomby stopping ABC Melbourne’s move. Letters, Malcolm Turnbull & Sharon Burrow Murdoch Royal Commission, Matt Davidson, cartoon	Staff conditions; rates of pay, short-term contracts, relocation, Royal Commission, cartoons	Dr Diana Wyndham	16-17
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April 2023 continued	Roundtable discussion of Press Freedom Reform – David Anderson, Mark Dreyfus, Laura Tingle, Karen Percy, Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA), “Right to Know”, Chatham House Rules	Press Freedom; Right to Know, reform, unions, ABC, Nine	Dr Diana Wyndham	18
	State News: <u>South Australia/Northern Territory</u> – Business plan, operating structure, political and community connections, representations – Daryl Regan, President	ABC Friends, politics, management, ABC transmission	Daryl Regan	19
	<u>Western Australia</u> – Photo of Christine Layton (presenter of ABC Afternoon program) and WA Committee meeting	Meetings, journalists, regional broadcasting	Cathy Bardon	20
	ABC Friends NSW & ACT Winter Dinner, 20 July 2023 – speaker Hon Michelle Rowland – Beta Restaurant, 238 Castlereagh Street, Sydney	ABC Dinner, politics, restaurants		20
	NSW & ACT – NSW & ACT Planning Day, 18 February 2023. 5 themes	Planning	Dr Tess Howes	21
	<u>Tasmania</u> – Meetings: 27 April, Belinda King (presenter on ABC radio); 21 May, Andrew Bent Commemoration – Professor Alana Mann; Peter George, Deborah Fleming, Martin Flanagan	Press Freedom, music, newspapers, public rally, , history	Rowan Wylie	21-22
	<u>Victoria – Local Groups</u> – Eastern Group at Glenferrie Festival; Aston electorate, Northern Group; Geelong; Southern Bayside Group, Rosemary and Raf Epstein, Ali Moore	Festivals, journalists, politics, fund-raising, campaigns	Gai Mooney	22-23
	New South Wales – <u>Northern Rivers</u> . ABC at 90 Photo competition – winners; Adam Suttie, Beth Vavallai, Jon Hall, Chjarlise Warran	anniversary, photos, competitions	Jennie Hicks	24



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April 2023	<u>Western Suburbs of Sydney (WSoS)</u> – fighting negativity towards ABC	campaigns, criticism	Bev & Barry Redshaw	24
continued	<u>Northern Tablelands</u> – annual public presentations by Peter Martin, Matt Peacock, Debbie Spillane, Robyn Williams and Helen Grasswill	journalists, meetings, forums	Brian Byrne	24-25
	<u>Southern Highlands</u> – Exeter Market Stall, prize winning	Markets, fund-raising	Angela Williamson	25
	<u>Central Coast</u> – Feedback from members – campaigning, communications strategy, increase political engagement; 15 April meeting on The Voice to Parliament, Speaker, Dr Gordon Reid, MP	politicians, indigenous, referendum, lectures	Ross McGowen	25-26
	Vale Murray Scott (Central Coast member)	obituary	Ross McGowen	26-27
	<u>Hunter Branch</u> – Branch needs revitalizing. Call for members	Membership drive	Allan Thomas	27
	<u>Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSOS)</u> – Margaret Simpson, Helen Grasswell	Speakers, donations	Janine Hickson	27
August 2023	Stan Grant’s Shameful Treatment – responses to the hostile, racist remarks directed at him after his ‘reluctant’ participation in a debate on monarchy and Indigenous perspective as part of the Coronation broadcast, 6 May	Racism, resignation, Indigenous, trolls, Editor - management	Dr Diana Wyndham	1, 4
	From the Editor – We stand with Stan; ABC funding shortfall – what we have lost; ABC goes digital; Shortwave	Funding cuts, budget, Shortwave, digital	Mal Hewitt	2-3
	The ABC Freeway – digital resources/human resources - cartoon	Audiences; digital	Phil Somerville	3

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August 2023	More Aussie Content – Roy Morgan survey says ‘yes’ – “Make it Australian” – comments by Screen Producers Australia	Australian content; investment	Paul Reid	5
continued	Congratulations to Laura Tingle on becoming the staff-elected director of the ABC Board, following the end of Jane Connor’s term.	ABC Board, elections, ABC staff; journalists	Laura Tingle	5
	BBC exterminates Dr Who. No longer available free on the ABC – only on payment of a \$11.99 per month fee to Disney + Channel	TV programs	Dr Who	5
	From the National President – ABC’s Five-Year Plan and Digital First; need for more funding; strategic priorities	Planning; ABC Budget; criticism; Digital	Cassandra Parkinson	6-7
	Letter to David Anderson – comments removal of political editor, Five-Year Plan and re structural changes to the ABC – Acting President, ABC Friends	ABC Management; planning, staff cuts	Dr Michael Henry AM	7
	Media Release: 19 November 2018 – Labor will restore ABC Shortwave	Politics; Shortwave	Labor Party	8
	Our Digital Aunty, by Paul Collins, <i>Pearls and Irritations</i> , 21 June 2023 – critical of the redundancy of Andrew Probyn. Dumbing down	Digital; journalists; Background Paper	Paul Collins	9
	ABC Budget at a glance – table and ABC Friends’ responses; comments by David Anderson; Michelle Rowland; Alan Sunderland; Cassandra Parkinson	ABC Budget – politics; cuts	Cassandra Parkinson	10-11
	Is the ABC Suffering from Friendly Fire? Comments on attacks from external and internal sources and staff cuts – cartoons by Matt Golding (Bureau Skinned) and ACB staff exiting. Responses from critics and Management	Criticism; cartoons, staff cuts; ABC management; Arts	Dr Diana Wyndham	12-14



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August 2023	Apparently, Nothing Happens Here; letter by Ian Parmenter in the West Australian – history of ABC’s symphony orchestras; local production	History; arts; local content; criticism	Ian Parmenter OAM	14
continued	Backlash to ABC Cuts Grows as Artists, Authors and Performers urge rethink; Linda Morris, <i>SMH</i> , 28 June 2023. Comments from Live Performance Australia; National Association of the Visual Arts, Australian Festivals Association and Australian Society of Authors	Visual arts; drama; writers; criticism; ABC restructure	Linda Morris	15
	History of ABC and ABC Friends’ logos (adapted from <i>Fandom</i> , a wiki-hosting service) – dates, changes and designers, Compiled by Dr Diana Wyndham	Logo design; politics, graphics	Dr Diana Wyndham	16-17
	Letters from the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , <i>The Age</i> and <i>The West Australian</i> - from Aidan Cuddington, Geoff Harding, Phil Cooney, David Salter, Viki Stanton, Robyn Lewis, Diana Wyndham, Francesca Stahlut, Christine Stewart, Ariel Johnson, Meredith Williams, Des Files, Sally Holdsworth, Marguerite Marshall, Lisa Telford, Enzo Leone, Harvey Pearce and Ron Edwards.	Politics, ABC Board, Regional Australia, audience research, young people, funding, cuts to services		18-19
	State News: <u>NSW & ACT</u> – Winter Dinner- Welcome to Country: special guests; ABC Friends Planning; Five-Year Planning. Dr Tess Howes, President	Dinner, politics, planning, Five-Year Funding, review	Yvonne Weldon, Michelle Rowland, Jenny Trowse, Paul Reid, Helen Grasswill	20
	ABC Friends NSW & ACT Winter Dinner held on 20 July at the Beta Restaurant, 238 Castlereagh Street, Sydney – history of the building	History; unions, heritage, restoration	Australian Workers Union	21

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August 2023 continued	<u>Victoria – Local Groups</u> : Northern Melbourne; Western Melbourne; Ballarat; Southern Bayside; Eastern Group; Geelong; Williamstown Literary Festival; guest speakers. Jenny Bowen writing a history of ABC Friends Victoria	Writers’ festival, journalists, cuts to jobs and funding, history	Gai Mooney, Groups Convenor	21-22
	<u>Western Australia</u> : Stall at May Day Festival, Freemantle – attended by politicians David Templeman, MLA and Stephen Dawson, MLC.	Festivals; merchandise, politicians	Cathy Bardon, President	22
	<u>South Australia/Northern Territory</u> : Presentation to Hangar Luncheon Group, Premier Peter Malinauskas attended a community forum on 15 July	Politics; Five-Year Plan; lobbying	Daryl Regan, President	22-23
	Job Vacancy – Volunteer for Treasurer ABC Friends SA/NT – role, responsibilities and skills – email: darylregan@hotmail.com	Treasurer, volunteers	Daryl Regan, President	24
	Adelaide Writers Week, 2-7 March 2024 – ABC Friends SA/NT will participate – volunteers needed	Writers’ festival, volunteers	Daryl Regan, President	24
	<u>Tasmania</u> : ABC Friends Tas and University of Tasmania’s Media School jointly hosted a public discussion of the future of the ABC in Tasmania. 199 th anniversary of the birth of independent journalism – Andrew Brent in 1824. Speakers: Martin Flanagan, Deborah Fleming, Peter George	Writers; media; discussions, debate, history, independence	Rowan Wylie, Secretary-Treasurer	25-26
	<u>NSW Branch News: Blue Mountains</u> . Susan Templeman, Federal MP attended a branch meeting. She is Special Envoy for the Arts and Chair of the Parliamentary Petitions Committee. Branch book library and website: http://fabnswbm.org.au	Petitions, Arts, culture, politics, library, Five-Year Funding, books	Sue Noske, President	27-28

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August 2023	<u>Northern Rivers</u> : Dinner at Wollongbar TAFE – Kerry O’Brien spoke and mentioned book he and Thomas Mayo have written on The Voice	Referendum; politics, indigenous, Yes vote	Tim Mulroy, President	28
continued	<u>Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSOS)</u> : Guest speaker program at the Roseville Club – speakers: Prof Robyn Ewin, Dr David Smith, Jan Latta, Ross McGowan	Speakers; musicians, lobbying	Janine Kitson, Convenor	29
	We must never get tired of defending the ABC. Janine spoke about Walter Bass who founded ABC Friends in 1976. ABCF has 71,000 supporters	History, supporters, lobbying, politics	Janine Kitson	30
	<u>Central Coast</u> – East Gosford Community Garden meetings; monthly meetings, Five-Year Plan – Save the date 17 August Helen Grasswill will speak about ABC International	Lobbying; journalism, community groups, choir, culture	Ross McGowan	31
December 2023	Farewell – photo of Mal Hewitt OAM and Dr Diana Wyndham holding copies of Update “Stop the Chop” and “Stan Grant’s Shameful Treatment”	Farewell	Dr Tess Howes: Photographer	1
Final Issue	From the Editor- memories from 2001 – rallies, members, politicians; branches, Broadcasting excellence award; changes to Update, Thanks	Editorial	Mal Hewitt	2-3
	Tribute to Phil Somerville – resident cartoonist	Cartoons	Mal Hewitt	4
	Tribute to Paul Martens – Layout Artist Extraordinaire	Design	Mal Hewitt	4
	Growing up with the ABC – drawn by Phil Somerville in 1998	ABC. Politics, cartoons	Phil Somerville	5
	From the National President – Strategic Plan; Advocacy, campaigns, accountability, Outcomes in 2023	Planning	Cassandra Parkinson	6-7

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	From the NSW & ACY President – the Strategic Plan 2023-2025	Planning, strategies	Dr Tess Howes	8-9
	Retirement of Mal Hewitt OAM as Editor, Update – once again a NSW newsletter – thank you and the future of Update	Retirement, editor	Dr Tess Howes	9
	Update Tributes: Ross McDowell, Michael Henry, Ross McGowen, Bev & Barry Redshaw, Chris Cartledge, Gayle Davies, Angela Williamson, Drusi Megget	Newsletter, ABC Friends		10
	Israel-Gaza War Coverage: ABC Staff and ABC Management responses – David Anderson, Justin Stevens, Mark Maley	Conflict; controversy, ethics	Dr Diana Wyndham	11
	The ABC: Comparative Statistics and what should Friends be doing?	Statistics, politics	Prof Ed Davis	12-13
	Friends of the ABC (NSW & ACT Inc. AGM – election of office bearers and those retiring in 2023	ABC Friends office bearers	Dr Tess Howes	13
	Friends of Friends – Angela’s tribute to Mal and Diana	Tributes, ABC Friends	Angela Williamson	14-15
	Ten Years of Fact check – political score board of Coalition’s 78 promises	Fake news, FOI	Dr Diana Wyndham	15
	Ita Buttrose will step down in March 2024. Tributes to her	ABC Chair	Dr Diana Wyndham	16-17
	Chasing the youth market – “Aunty’s Influencers” by Callum Jaspan - TikTok	TikTok, Youth	Dr Diana Wyndham	17



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	NSW Branch News. <u>Blue Mountains</u> – stalls at markets; Phillipa McDonald spoke about links with Alumni, support from ABCF, bushfires	Bushfires, Asia Pacific, Timor Leste	Sue Noske	19-20
	NSW Branch News. <u>Central Coast</u> - Guest speaker Pat Farmer, marathon runner and former MP; Helen Graswill spoke about ABC International	Politicians, Asia Pacific, Alumni	Ross McGowen	20
	NSW Branch News. <u>Northern Tablelands</u> – Guest speaker Dr Gael Jennings AM who asked if Murdoch would kill off the ABC.	New Corp; opponents, FOI, politics	Brian Byrne	20-21
	NSW Branch News. <u>Northern Rivers</u> – Guest speaker Charline Emzin-Boyd	Indigenous, Referendum	Tim Mulroy	21
	NSW Branch News. <u>Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS)</u> – 2023 guest speakers: Margaret Simpson, Jan Latta, Robyn Ewing, Paddy Manning, Helen Graswill; Dr David Smith, Gavin Fang & Tracey Kirkland, Ross McGowen, Angela Williamson, Mal Hewitt and Geraldine Doogue – program for 2024; highlighting history; 100 years of ABC Radio (+ commemorative stamp)	ABC Friends, politics; ABC, Alumni, activism, celebrations, broadcasting history	Janine Kitson	22-23
	NSW Branch News. <u>Southern Highlands</u> . Currently in recess	Lobbying; markets	Angela Williamson	23