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From: **Susan Scott** <membership_nswact@abcfriends.net.au>

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Subject: Join NSoS ABC Friends on 9 March to hear former ABC journalist Helen Grasswill



Dear Janine

Our ABC staff are more important than ever. That's why the May budget must restore the ABC's funding after years of cuts.

Our next ABC Friends Branch meeting starts at 11.45am followed by our guest speaker Helen Grasswill (starting at 12.15pm sharp). Stay and enjoy a delicious lunch (reasonably priced) with Helen and the NSoS Committee at the Roseville Club bistro from 1pm.

NSoS ABC Friends Branch meeting, Thursday 9 March 2023, 11.45 to 12.15
Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville (a short walk from Roseville Railway Station).

Meet the wonderful NSoS Committee - Corin Fairburn Bass, Beverley Inshaw and Jenny Forster. Hear how the ABC Friends is working to restore and repair our ABC.

Talk by Helen Grasswill - 'The importance of journalists, producers and other staff especially to ensure a fearless and independent public broadcaster'
Thursday 9 March 2023, 12.15pm - 1pm, followed by lunch at the Roseville Club



Helen Grasswill has been a journalist, author, editor and television program-maker for more than 50 years, starting as a freelancer while still at school and later working for Australian and international broadcasters. In almost 30 years at the ABC, she worked for news programs including The 7:30 Report, The Bottom Line and The

Investigators, with stints at Lateline and Foreign Correspondent. She is best known as a foundation member and 22-year veteran of Australian Story, where she was responsible for many landmark stories. Her work has been acknowledged with numerous awards including the Walkley, peer-voted Logies and the Human Rights Award for Television. Helen is also author of the ground-breaking book, *Australia: A Timeless Grandeur*, a 130,000-word exploration of the Australian environment (Lansdowne, 1981). She is a co-founder of ABC Alumni.

NSoS Fundraising Raffle - \$10 for one raffle ticket; \$20 for three

1st Prize, 2 tickets to attend one of these [Humph Hall](#) concerts (85 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights):

- Alistair Brown + Shaky Fate on Friday 10th March '23 at 7pm *or*
- Ami Williamson on Sunday 19th March '23 at 3pm *or*
- Premiere launch of Binna Burra Dreaming by composer Margaret Brandman on Sunday 26th March at 3pm *or*
- Musical salute to the shearing and wool industry I don't go shearing now on Friday 31st March at 7pm

Valued at \$50, Donated by Wayne Richmond

2st Prize, Book: *Bold Types: How Australia's First Women Journalists Blazed a Trail* by Dr Patricia Clarke (2022)

Valued at \$35, Donated by Janine Kitson

3rd Prize, One year ABC Friends NSW & ACT Gift Membership

Valued at \$30, Donated by Janine Kitson

4th Prize, Book: *Peppa Gets a Vaccination* and a Peppa Pig Cushion

Valued at \$20, Donated by Janine Kitson

If you are interested in donating a prize for future NSoS raffles let us know!

How to pay for your raffle tickets?

- Online: go to the ABC Friends website and [donate](#) the required money. Then contact Janine Kitson E: janinemkitson@gmail.com or text 0428 860 623, with the subject line as 'NSoS RAFFLE'. Include your name and contact details (phone and email address), number of tickets and the amount you have donated. Send by **Wednesday 8 March**, as the raffle will be drawn at the NSoS meeting Thursday 9 February
- Alternatively buy your raffle tickets (cash only) on the day of the NSoS meeting (Thursday 9 March) when the raffle prizes will be drawn.

The Wharf Revue: Looking for Albanese



2pm, Saturday 1st April, 2023, Glen Street Theatre, cnr Glen Street & Blackbutts Rd, Belrose.

Cost: From \$75

Book early as limited availability Box Office 9470 5913

Join NSoS Committee in this uplifting critique of Australian issues as well as supporting the work of writer and director Jonathan Biggins who so generously donated his creative talents to writing the lyrics to NSoS's song 'It's Our ABC'. [Numerous bus routes run directly past Glen Street Theatre](#)

Check out our [Photo Gallery](#) if you want to see photos of our previous events.

Best ABC Friends wishes

John Inshaw

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