

## **Author Paddy Manning talks about Lachlan Murdoch**

Author and journalist Paddy Manning will talk about his biography 'The Successor, the High-Stakes Life of Lachlan Murdoch' at the next ABC Friends Northern Sydney meeting on Thursday 12 October 2023 from 11.45am-1pm at the Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville.

Paddy Manning's book examines Lachlan Murdoch's upbringing, political beliefs and how he became head of Fox News. Today as heir apparent to his father's Rupert Murdoch's global media empire, Lachlan Murdoch is one of the world's most powerful and richest media proprietors. However, the book explores one Wall Street analyst's view that Lachlan may be fired the day Rupert dies because his three siblings, who have equal votes on the Murdoch Family Trust, may decide to take control of the business for the long-term interests of democracies around the world.

Paddy Manning is an investigative journalist who has worked for *The Australian*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *Crikey*, ABC and *The Monthly*. He is completing a PhD at Macquarie University on 'A Century of News Corporation'.

ABC Radio National Late Night Live, Phillip Adams interviewed Paddy Manning in [late 2022](#).

ABC Friends Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS) Branch advocates for the ABC, Australia's national broadcaster. ABC Friends is a national, state and local not-for-profit volunteer-based organisation that is not aligned to any political party. The ABC Friends movement was founded in the northern suburbs of Sydney in 1976 by Walter Bass, a Turramurra resident, when the then federal government cut quality ABC programs broadcast on television and radio. Today ABC Friends has over 71,000 members and supporters across Australia and over 700 members across the Northern Suburbs and Northern Beaches.

ABC Friends' talk with Paddy Manning celebrates [Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2024](#) and comments expressed by UNESCO Director-General Ms Audrey Azoulay:

"With the spread of rumours and the distortion of facts, the boundary between true and false has become blurred. This is undermining the very foundations of our societies and democracies and putting lives at risk through the propagation of fake cures, the fuelling of vaccine conspiracy theories, or the spread of racism and hate speech. In this deluge of information, we need more reference points and more rational thinking. And that is why media and information literacy is such a key skill for the education of 21st-century citizens."

Following the talk, guests are welcome to stay and join ABC friends for lunch, at their own cost, for a delicious lunch at the Roseville Club's Bistrot with 'Chief Paul'.

### **2023-2024 ABC Friends Northern Suburbs events includes:**

9 NOV (Thurs): 11.45-1pm — Gavin Fang, Deputy Director of ABC TV who will talk about the book he co-edited called 'Pandemedia - How the media has changed since the pandemic' at the Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville

8 FEB 2024 (Thurs): from 11.45-1pm — Dr Phil Kafcaloudes, ABC journalist will talk about the book he wrote called 'Australia Calling, The ABC Radio Australia Story' at the Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville.

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