

## MEDIA RELEASE 16 October, 2023

## **How COVID Changed Journalism**

ABC's Deputy News Director, Gavin Fang will talk about how COVID 19 changed Australian journalism at the next ABC Friends Northern Sydney meeting on Thursday 9 November 2023 from 11.45am-1pm at the Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville.

Gavin Fang is the ABC's Deputy News Director is also Head of the ABC's National and International team. He has over twenty-five years' experience in print and broadcast journalism and has worked as a foreign correspondent in Indonesia and a video journalist for the ABC's Australia Network.

In partnership with Tracey Kirkland, ABC's News Editor, Gavin Fang co-edited 'Pandemedia, How Covid changed journalism'. This collection of essays includes articles by renowned journalists such as Alan Kohler, the ABC finance presenter; Casey Briggs who chartered 'the COVID curve' on ABC News; and David Speers, ABC 'Insiders' host.

ABC Friends is a national, state and local volunteer-based group that is not aligned to any political party. The ABC Friends movement was founded in 1976 by Turramurra NSW resident who formed the group when he heard that the then federal government planned to cut quality ABC programs broadcast on TV and radio. Today there are over thirty ABC Friends branches across Sydney and regional NSW. Nationally ABC Friends has over 71,000 members and supporters across Australia.

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

## https://www.abcfriends.net.au/impact covid media talk

Geraldine Doogue will be ABC Friends Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS) Branch guest in 14 December. NSoS now organizing its 2024 program of guest speakers to stimulate discussion on why we need a strong national broadcaster.

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

9 NOV (Thurs): 11.45-1pm — ABC's Deputy News Director Gavin Fang on how COVID changed Australian journalism, Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville. Followed by Bistro lunch at reasonable cost

14 DEC (Thurs): 11.45-1pm — ABC Friend's Annual Meeting with special Christmas ABC Guest Geraldine Doogue, Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville. Followed by Bistro Christmas lunch at reasonable cost

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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