

26 October, 2023

Dear NSoS State Member

I am forwarding you the latest ABC Friends Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS) E-News.

ABC Friends NSW & ACT is a non-political, not-for-profit volunteer-based organisation that aims to defend and promote the ABC and the vital role it plays as a pillar of Australia's democracy.

The Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS) branch of ABC Friends NSW & ACT represents residents of the Northern Suburbs of Sydney who are passionate about the importance of Australia having a strong, well funded and independent national broadcaster - including those living in your electorate.

We are hoping that you might display our ABC Friends poster promoting our upcoming meeting in your Electorate Office.

If you are agreeable to displaying our poster, it would be appreciated if your staff could then email back a photo of the NSoS' poster displayed in your Office, so that it can be included in our next E-Newsletter.

Details about the poster are below. As well I have attached a copy.

Best ABC wishes

Janine

Janine Kitson

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Dear Janine

Please join us for our next meeting to listen to author and journalist

Gavin Fang
ABC News Deputy Director & Head of

the ABC's National & International Team

**Thursday 9 November, 2023 11.45am-
1pm**

Gavin Fang will talk about the book he co-edited with Tracey Kirkland, ABC's News Editor, called *Pandemia - How Covid changed journalism*

Roseville Club
64 Pacific Highway, Roseville

Mezzo Soprano [Elizabeth Hylton](#) will finish the meeting with the [song It's Our ABC](#)

Stay after meeting for a delicious lunch at the reasonably priced Roseville Club
Bistro

[RSVP](#) or [email](#) your apologies

Help us promote our [POSTER](#) for Gavin Fang

1. **Download and print** your [POSTER](#)
2. **Choose a location** to display your [POSTER](#) eg your local MP's office, theatres, cinema, community centre, library, community noticeboards, cafe, shop window or . . .
3. **Take a photo** of where you have displayed your [POSTER](#) and [email](#) it to Janine

Where are these [posters](#) ?

[Email](#) the correct location of these posters and win a free ABC Friends sticker.

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Listen to Paddy Manning on Lachlan Murdoch, 'The Successor' at our last meeting, 12 Oct 23

WATCH Paddy talking to ABC Friends Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS) meeting

READ ABCF NSoS article 'Who knows what will happen to the Murdoch empire?'

Paddy Manning's biography of Lachlan Murdoch - [The Successor: The High-Stakes Life of Lachlan Murdoch](#) raises the question as to what will happen when Rupert Murdoch dies? Will Lachlan Murdoch's siblings reassert their control and promote and enhance democracies around the world?

Paddy Manning thanked ABC Friends for the support they gave to his father Peter Manning, senior ABC journalist, head of ABC News and Current affairs and Four Corners Executive Producer.

READ Paddy Manning's article 'Here comes the son: Is Lachlan Murdoch up to the job? Good Weekend, The Sydney Morning Herald, 7 October, 2023

WATCH CNN six part series on SBS [The Murdochs: Empire of Influence](#) that explores the legacy of media mogul Rupert Murdoch

LISTEN to Paddy Manning's six-part podcast The Life of Rupert Murdoch podcast, Schwartz 7am podcast when it comes out in **Nov-Dec 2023**

My 'ABC Moment'

At the beginning of each of our meetings we focus on an 'ABC Moment' - one that has informed, entertained, educated and inspired us.

Corin at our last meeting talked about her 'ABC Moment'

My 'ABC Moment' by Corin Fairburn Bass

The ABC in general has always been a source of enlightenment, but for me it's radio which has been, overall, the richer and more thoughtful in content. Probably, like the little boy I've mentioned on another occasion, it's because the "pictures" are better.

That's not to say that TV isn't a great source of inspiration, information, and productive agitation. What would we do without the [Four Corners](#) investigations into nasty dark corners, and panels like [Q & A](#), and [The Drum](#), the science programs, and that consummate broadcaster Dr Ann Jones and her wonderful science programs about birds, and trees, and whales, and much more? Or [the Friday gardening programs](#), and the recent [Australian Story about Sam Elsom](#) who gave up a very successful fashion design career to go to Tasmania to grow kelp to help reduce the toxic effects of carbon. And I loved the program about farmers involved in [regeneration farming](#). We need inspirational people like these.

But the problem with this sort of personal appraisal is not what to say, but how to choose from so much which is so good, so life-affirming. It's mainly ABC radio which keeps me a rusted-on follower - [The Naked Scientist](#) from Cambridge University prevents me from going to sleep on Friday nights, and [Big Ideas](#) at about 3 in the morning can keep me thinking for weeks afterwards. As for [Radio Classic](#) - wonderful!

The ABC isn't perfect, or wholly satisfactory; sometimes it's very annoying. But what I really love is the easy availability of so many differing viewpoints on a non-commercial broadcaster. It's the dedicated people who participate in, and make the programs, who are, for me, the **real** value.

There are so many wonderful "ABC moments" to choose from, but I'd like to particularly mention the young Ethiopian/Sudanese refugee lawyer, now in Melbourne, who is often on the Drum. Her name is [Nyadol Nyuon](#). Every word she says is worth listening to. Her humanity and wisdom, and her growing influence have already had a profound influence in this country, and for this she's received much recognition and many awards.

Equally impressive are the many First Nation broadcasters, both young and older, who present with great dignity, hope, and generosity, their plea for justice and equality, especially in the last difficult months. We must listen to what they have to say.

It's from people like all of these - Nyadol Nyuon, First Nation, and many others who strive for a better world - that I gain most of all from the ABC.

12 October, 2023

Rachel Collis & String Quartet Concert

Saturday 21 October 7pm

Humph Hall, 85 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights, Tickets \$25. **Limited seating** so book by contacting Wayne Richmond 0400 803 804 or E:wayne@humphhall.org

Visit ABC Friends Northern Suburbs of Sydney 'table' during intermission and purchase a Gavin Fang's *Pandemia* (\$30)

ABC Friends NSW & ACT Annual General Meeting 2023

Saturday 18 November

Please [RSVP](#) to attend or your apologies.

The Constitution requires that the committee and office bearers are elected at each AGM. There are up to 16 positions on the Committee, 4 of which are Executive positions and up to 12 are general Committee positions. ABC Friends NSW & ACT **encourage you to consider nominating as a Committee member** or for any of the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Events Coordinator, Branches Coordinator. The last three positions on this list are new office holder positions intended to increase our effectiveness as a Committee. Communications Officer – will work with the President to improve our external communications, particularly on social media. Events Coordinator – will work with other Committee members to coordinate a small number of events during the year – eg ABC Awards Night, Annual Dinner, etc. Branches Coordinator - will facilitate effective communication and coordination between the many ABC Friends branches in NSW and ACT. If you are interested in nominating for a position on the Committee, [please go to this site where you will find our nomination form](#). Complete and email this to the Returning Officer, Nizza Siano, no later than Friday 3 November 2023. Please state the position for which you are nominating and include a short statement about your background

Schools Spectacular 2023

Friday 24 November 11am

Join NSoS 'to encourage and promote the musical, dramatic and other performing arts in Australia' (ABC Charter) by attending the Schools Spectacular 2023 'Fabulous' that celebrates 40 years of NSW's commitment to celebrating youth, education, culture, diversity and the remarkable talent across New South Wales public schools.

Join NSoS and wear your ABC Friends t-shirt for the Friday 24 November 11am performance. Order your ticket from the [Ticketek website](#)

Or attend other performances on **Friday 24 November 11am and 7pm** and **Saturday 25 November 1pm and 7pm** at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. Tickets at [Ticketek website](#)

NSoS ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday 14 DECEMBER, 2023, 11.45-1pm with
'GERALDINE DOOGUE'**

Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville

Please consider nominating for the position of Convenor or Committee. To do this you must be a member of ABC Friends. Email [Nomination Form](#) to [ABCF Membership Officer BEFORE Friday 8 DEC 5pm](#) indicating which position you wish to stand for and provide your and your nominator's contact details.

AGM Agenda

ABC Friends National Report

ABC Friends NSW & ACT Report

NSoS Committee, Volunteers' and Convenor's Report

Musical Presentation of NSoS' Achievements

Motions

General Business

Election of 2024 Convenor and Committee

SPECIAL GUEST GERALDINE DOOGUE

Stay afterwards for NSoS CHRISTMAS LUNCH (1-2pm) at reasonable price +
Complimentary Bassy's Christmas Cake Desert

Geraldine Doogue OAM is a renowned Australian journalist and broadcaster with experience in print, television and radio. While originally planning a career as a schoolteacher after completing her Arts degree, in 1972 Geraldine applied on an impulse for a journalism cadetship with *The West Australian* instead.

During her career with both the ABC and commercial media she has won two Penguin Awards for excellence in broadcasting from the Television Society of Australia and a United Nations Media Peace Prize. In 2000 Geraldine was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for social and cultural reporting. In 2003, she was recognised with an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to the community and media. Geraldine tackles a wide range of subjects with rigour, optimism, humour and warmth.

Zero Gravity Concert

Saturday 16 DECEMBER, 2023, 1pm + 5pm

THANK YOU [Loosely Woven](#) for raising \$2,065 for ABC Friends NSW & ACT,
since December, 2022

'[Zero Gravity](#)' is the third brand new [Loosely Woven](#) for 2023

There will also be around 8 public performances across Northern Sydney.

See the Loosely Woven [web site](#) for details of the other performances.

NSoS Fundraising Raffles

1st Prize: Pandemedia co-editor by Gavin Fang & Tracey Kirkland

2nd Prize: Two tickets to Crossing Strings (Austria) at [Humph Hall](#)

Saturday 30 December, 2023 7pm

Valued at \$50.00 Donated by ABC friend Wayne Richmond

The concert will open with a string quartet performance by Alex Pringle (violin), Charles Su (violin), Dean Kennedy (viola) and Anneliese McGee-Collett (cello) who will show off their world-class playing. They will then be joined by Rachel and her trio, Mike Quigley on drums and Aria-award winning Michael Galeazzi on double bass, and together they will perform Rachel's ethereal, breath-taking, and even occasionally funny songs. A concert not to be missed!

3rd Prize: ABC Friends [Gift Membership](#)

One of the best gifts you can receive and give is being a friend to the ABC!

Valued at \$30.00 Donated by ABC Friends NSW & ACT

4th Prize: Grandma's Cooking Secrets

Recipes from AASHA grandparents and parents at West Ryde Primary School and Hornsby Girls High School

Donated by Bijinder Dugal, Founder of [AASHA Foundation](#)

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 'NSoS RAFFLE' followed by your name, phone, email, street address, number of

tickets and the amount you have donated. Email by Wednesday 8 November, as the raffle will be drawn at the NSoS meeting Thursday 9 November.

Alternatively buy your raffle tickets (cash only) on the day of the NSoS meeting (Thursday 9 November) when the raffle prizes will be drawn.

Congratulations to Corin, Lyn, John and Beverley for winning the raffle prizes at our last NSoS meeting

If you can donate a bottle of wine as a gift for our guest speaker or a raffle prize please let us know

The Power of ABC Friends

In previous newsletters we asked for your help.

We needed a musician to help us lead us into song It's Our ABC (song lyrics and score) at our next meeting

Thank you Elizabeth Hylton, Mezzo Soprano
for leading ABC friends into [song](#) at our last meeting

We needed someone to step in and sell raffle tickets, as our wonderful 'Wendy Raffle Seller Extraordinaire' could not attend the October meeting

Thank you Clelia for selling raffle tickets at our last meeting

and who is now making a Gingerbread House Raffle Prize at our 14 December meeting

We needed a couple to sell signed copies journalists' Paddy Manning's books

Thank you Rebecca and Charles
for selling Paddy Manning's books

And more NSoS Events

If you are interested in being part of an **ABC Friends Choir** in the [ABC Classic Choir 2023](#) please contact [ABC Friends Membership](#)

21 OCT (Sat): 7pm — Concert — [Rachel Collis & String Quartet](#), Humph Hall, 85 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights Book 0400 803 804 wayne@humphhall.org

27 OCT (Fri): 7pm — Concert — [George Mann \(US\) + The Go Twos](#), Humph Hall, 85 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights Book 0400 803 804 wayne@humphhall.org

18 NOV (Sat) 2.00-3.30pm: **ABC Friends NSW & ACT AGM at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts**, Guest Speaker, **Emeritus Professor Ed Davis AM**, Former President. ABC Friends NSW & ACT. Former Vice President, ABC Friends National, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney and by Zoom [RSVP](#)

24 NOV (FRI) 11am - [Schools Spectacular 2023](#) Join NSoS and wear your ABC Friends t-shirt . Order your ticket from the [Ticketek website](#)

14 DEC (THURS): 11.45-1pm — NSoS ANNUAL MEETING with **SPECIAL GUEST GERALDINE DOOGUE** - Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville. Stay afterwards and enjoy a 'Christmas' lunch at the Roseville Club Bistro (reasonably priced). Please consider nominating for the position of Convenor or Committee. To do this you must be a member of ABC Friends. Email [Nomination Form](#) to [ABCF Membership Officer BEFORE Friday 8 DEC 5pm](#) indicating which position you wish to stand for and provide your and your nominator's contact details.

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8 FEB 2024 (Thurs): from 11.45-1pm — **Dr Phil Kafcaloudes 'Australia Calling, The ABC Radio Australia Story' Celebrating [World Radio Day](#)**, Roseville Club, 64

Pacific Highway, Roseville. Stay afterwards and meet other ABC friends at lunch at the Roseville Club Bistro (reasonably priced).

11 MAR (Mon): 10.30am- 12.30pm — [U3A](#) **Mosman Art Gallery COURSE**: The ABC - its Achievements and Broadcasting Challenges,

14 MAR 2024 (Thurs): 11.45-1pm — A Panel of Poets Celebrating **World Poetry Day** - Allen Clarke, Kristyn Haywood, Charles Murray and John Clairs Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville. Stay afterwards and meet other ABC friends at lunch at the Roseville Club Bistro (reasonably priced).

11 APRIL 2024 (Thurs): 11.45-1pm — **Lynne Malcolm, 'All in the Mind'**, Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville, from 11.45-1pm. Stay afterwards and meet other ABC friends at lunch at the Roseville Club Bistro (reasonably priced).

30 APRIL 2024 (Tues): 10.30am- 12.30pm — [U3A](#) **Dougherty Centre COURSE** The ABC - its Achievements and Broadcasting Challenges

16 MAY 2024 (Thurs): 10am-12noon — [U3A](#) **North Curl Curl COURSE**: The ABC - its Achievements and Broadcasting Challenges, Northern Beaches U3A

Give us a hand - we need your help!

Can anyone assist with the distribution of our posters?

Is anyone driving past the Southern Highlands and drop by to pick up some ABC Friends merchandise from the Southern Highlands Branch for ABCF NSoS?

Can anyone make a NSoS an ABC Friends BATON? (see ABC Logos on page 16 of the latest [Update](#) - for your design)

Best ABC Friends wishes

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PS Please look at our NSoS Webpage for updates on our 2023-24 Guest Speaker program [Northern Suburbs of Sydney Branch](#) and [Photo Gallery](#)

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