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From: **ABC Friends Northern Suburbs of Sydney** <northernsuburbssydney@abcfriends.net.au>

Date: Tue, 12 Dec 2023 at 11:29

Subject: Reminder Geraldine Doogue THIS Thursday 14 December 11.30 for 11.45am start

Dear . . .

# MEET Geraldine Doogue AO THIS Thursday 14 December 2023

**11.30am for 11.45am start. Finish 1pm**

Roseville Club, 64 Pacific Highway, Roseville



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

Stay afterwards for a delicious CHRISTMAS LUNCH 1-2pm (reasonable prices) + **Complimentary ABC Friends-Founder-Bassy's Christmas Cake**

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

**Geraldine Doogue AO** is a renowned Australian journalist and broadcaster with experience in print, television and radio. Geraldine tackles a wide range of subjects with rigour, optimism, humour and warmth.

**Note** - the meeting will begin with the tabling of NSoS 2023 Report and the announcement of the 2024 NSoS Committee and Convenor.

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## **LISTEN to Geraldine Doogue on [Saturday Extra](#)**



Geraldine Doogue talks to about the things that matter to Australians.

Airs on ABC [Radio National](#), Saturdays 7.30am

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## **BUY A RAFFLE TICKET**

**1st Prize: 'Gingerbread House'**

Made by ABC friend Clelia



## 2nd Prize: Two tickets to [Loosely Woven Concert](#)

### FUNDRAISER FOR ABC FRIENDS

Saturday 16 December 1-2pm or 5-7.30pm

Humph Hall, 85 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights **Limited space so book with**  
Wayne: 0400 803 804 E: [wayne@humphhall.org](mailto:wayne@humphhall.org)

or

St Davids Uniting Church, St Davids Ave, Dee Why

Sunday 17 December 1.30-4pm



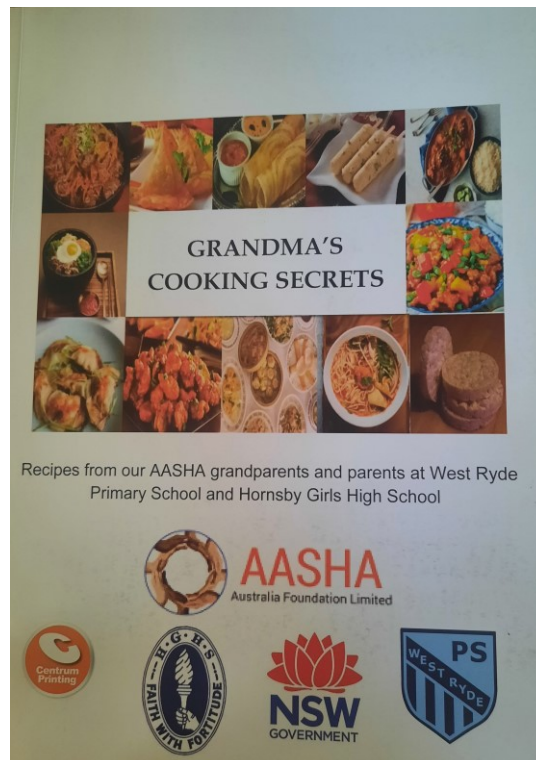
### **3rd Prize: ABC Friends [Gift Membership](#)**

*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](#)



## 5th Prize: Lions Club Christmas Cake

Valued at \$20 Donated by an ABC friend.



### 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](mailto:janinemkitson@gmail.com) or text 0428 860 623 with



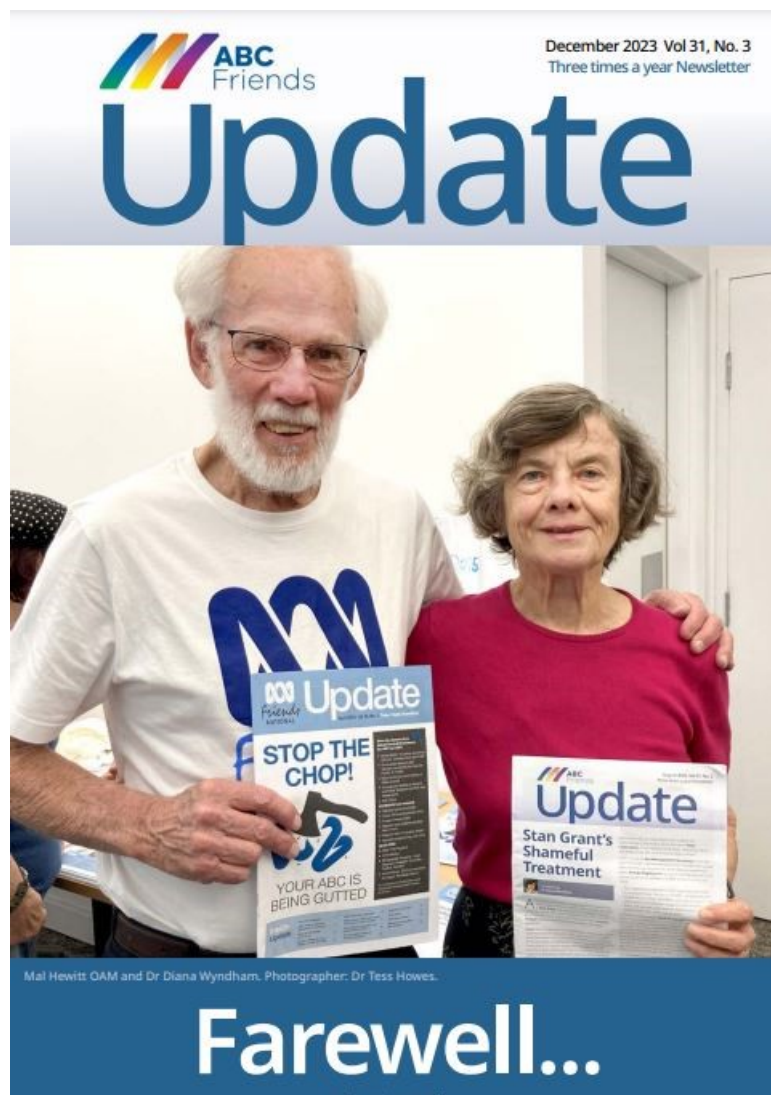
the subject line 'NSoS RAFFLE' followed by your name, phone, email, street address, number of tickets and the amount you have donated. Email by Wednesday 13 December, as the raffle will be drawn at the NSoS meeting Thursday 14 December.

**Alternatively** buy your raffle tickets (cash only) on the day of the NSoS meeting (Thursday 14 December) when the raffle prizes will be drawn.

*If you can donate a bottle of wine as a gift for our guest speaker or a raffle prize please bring it with you to the meeting.*

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## [Read](#) latest Update Newsletter



including NSoS Report pages 21-23

Thank you Mal, Diana and past and present Update Team. NSoS will miss you!

Update Newsletter  
Dec 2023

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## ABC Friends (NSW & ACT) Committee 2024

NSoS looks forward to working with the new ABC Friends (NSW & ACT) Committee: Tess Howes, President; Cassandra Parkinson, Vice-President; Sharon Ooi, Treasurer; Jan Febey, Secretary; Robert Gubbins; Jim Harding; William Howes; Ross McGowen; Gia Metherell; Tim Mulroy; Paul Reid; Bruce Stevenson; Susan Tregeagle



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## Did you see our ABC Friends NSoS [POSTERS?](#)

Thank you:

1. Desire Books, Manly
2. East Gordon Oval
3. Gordon Recreation Park Tennis Pavilion
4. Loyal Henry Park, Roseville

5. Bus Stop, Gordon Station
6. Lindfield Print
7. Roseville Club
8. The Wyatt Café, Gordon
9. Postbox, Gordon
10. Lindfield Railway Station
11. Lindfield Learning Hub, Shop 14 12-18 Tryon Rd, Lindfield
12. Paul Fletcher, MP for Bradfield, Lindfield Electorate Office
13. Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers
14. Salvation Army Shop, Gordon
15. Gordon Newsagency
16. Vinnies, Gordon
17. Roseville Cinema
18. Gordon Cakes and Pies
19. Matt Kean, MP for Hornsby Office
20. Artarmon shops
21. Dr Sophie Scamps, MP for Mackellar's Narrabeen Electorate Office
22. East Lindfield Shops
23. Nicolette Boele Office, Gordon
24. Emporium Gift Shop, Old Gordon Post Office
25. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College
26. Roseville Uniting Church





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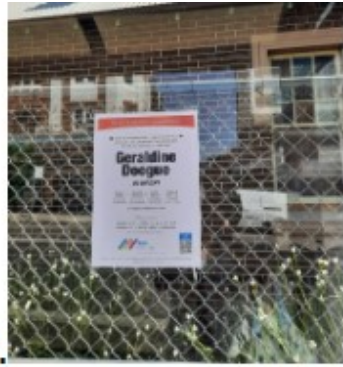
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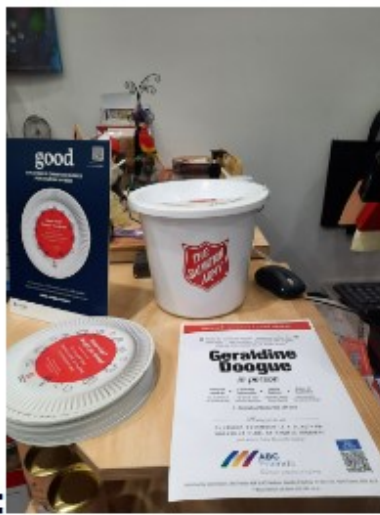
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## Who is he?

Does anyone know this ABC broadcaster?



**VISIT** [Northern Suburbs of Sydney Branch](#) webpage to discover a new NSoS project - researching the many Northern Suburbs of Sydney women and men who who worked and lived for the ABC.

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## Loosely Woven [Zero Gravity](#) Concerts



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

'[Zero Gravity](#)' is the final [Loosely Woven](#) concert for 2023

Humph Hall, 85 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights  
**FUNDRAISER FOR ABC FRIENDS**  
Saturday 16 December 1-2pm + 5-7.30pm



**Limited space. Bookings recommended:**  
0400 803 804 E: [wayne@humphhall.org](mailto:wayne@humphhall.org)

Also on at St Davids Uniting Church, St Davids Ave, Dee Why  
Sunday 17 December 1.30-4pm

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## **ABC Friends VIC Calendar for sale**



This **ABC Friends 2024 calendar** (produced by ABC Friends VIC, Southern Bayside Group) costs **\$25 + \$10 postage**. The calendar is full of beautiful photos of Australian birds (and one of a Swamp Wallaby) taken by ABC friend Neville Bartlett. Order calendar from Ivor Donohue, ABC Friends Southern Bayside Group, [ivor\\_donohue@hotmail.com](mailto:ivor_donohue@hotmail.com) 0418 597 564. BSB and Account details for payment will be sent to you once you order. Or send a cheque to 2 Ross Street, Aspendale Vic 3195. All proceeds go to ABC Friends.

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**Nikon-Walkley Press Photography**  
**Exhibition State Library - finishes Sunday 21**  
**January 2024**



PHOTO: Lotomau Fiafia was born in 1952 on remote Kioa Island in Fiji. He's pictured with his grandson John (10), standing where the shoreline used to be when Lotomau was young. Photo by Eddie Jim, The Age, 2023

See the winners and finalists selected from the Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism, celebrating the achievements of Australian photographers across a range of genres, from news and sports to portraiture and visual essays. State Library exhibition finishes **Sunday 21 January 2024**. Open Mon-Fri 9am-8pm; Friday 9am-5pm; Weekends 10am-5pm. ADMISSION: **FREE**

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## **ABC Friends Strategic Plan - DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS - 28 January 2024**

Please contact [Susan Scott, Membership Officer](#) to read draft Strategic Plan 2023- 2025 and the ABC NSW & ACT Strategic Action Plan 2023-2024. All members of ABC Friends NSW & ACT are encouraged to contribute to the consultation process and send feedback to: [president\\_nswact@abcfriends.net.au](mailto:president_nswact@abcfriends.net.au)

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## **Why doesn't the ABC broadcast the Schools Spectacular anymore?**



Thank you to those ABC Friends who joined NSoS to see the Schools Spectacular and the immense talent of over 5000 student performers from public schools and their teachers across NSW. This year's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert was simply magnificent.

Prue Car, NSW Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney described the Schools Spectacular as “an investment in enriching the lives of our young people” and that it is “an annual reminder of why an arts-rich education is so such a valuable part of live in our public schools. It creates well-rounded and enthusiastic learners and leaders. The arts do that magical thing of connecting our students with their culture as well as with the wider world”.

Similar sentiments to the responsibility of the ABC as outlined in its Charter "to encourage and promote the musical, dramatic and other performing arts in Australia" and that ABC shall take account of "the provision of broadcasting programs of an educational nature—the responsibilities of the States in relation to education".

Ironically the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Schools Spectacular followed the day after the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of public broadcasting was celebrated at the State Library of NSW.

Once the Schools Spectacular was broadcast each year by the ABC since it was first held in 1984. However it was handed over to Nine Network from 2013 until 2015. The Seven Network have been broadcasting the Schools Spectacular since 2016.

One asks why the ABC stopped broadcasting the NSW Schools Spectacular when education and the arts is core to its Charter. Funding cuts?

The Northern Suburbs of Sydney has invited Luke Wallace the Relieving Arts Coordination Officer, The Arts Unit, NSW Department of Education to talk about the School Spectacular's connections to the ABC at its 11 July 2024 meeting. Perhaps by then the NSW Department of Education may have reinstated the ABC as the preferred broadcaster for its 2024 School Spectacular? Let's live in hope.

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**Podcasts on 'The Future of Democracy'**



Macquarie University Professors Nicole Anderson and Julian Knowles bring together world leading experts to examine the emerging challenges to, and possible futures for democracy in the 21st Century. They discuss the recent rise of social media, media ownership, internet governance, data privacy, truth and evidence, increased racial and gender divisions. Issues that impact on all citizens.

[Series Introduction](#)

[EP1 Democracy and Education](#)

[EP2 Artificial Intelligence, and Automated Decision Making](#)

[EP3 Artificial Intelligence, Transparency and Accountability](#)

[EP4 Civility: 'We the People'](#)

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### Summary - ABCF NSoS Events

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).

14 DEC (THURS) 7-9.30pm: Loosely Woven [Zero Gravity](#) Concert at Sutherland Acoustic, The Tradies, 57 Manchester Road, Gympie

16 DEC (SAT) 1pm + 5pm — Loosely Woven [Zero Gravity](#) Concert, **FUNDRAISER FOR ABC FRIENDS**, Humph Hall, 85 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights, **Limited space. Bookings recommended:** 0400 803 804 E: [wayne@humphhall.org](mailto:wayne@humphhall.org)

17 DEC (SUN) 1.30-4pm: St Davids Uniting Church, St Davids Ave, Dee Why

30 DEC (SAT): 8pm — Concert — [Crossing Strings](#), Humph Hall, 85 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights Book 0400 803 804 [wayne@humphhall.org](mailto:wayne@humphhall.org)

Ends 21 JAN 2024: [Nikon-Walkley Press Photography Exhibition](#) at State Library of NSW, Open Mon-Fri 9am-8pm; Friday 9am-5pm; Weekends 10am-5pm. **ADMISSION: FREE**

28 JAN 2024 (SUN): **DEADLINE for COMMENTS on ABC Friends Strategic Plan.** Send feedback to: [president\\_nswact@abcfriends.net.au](mailto:president_nswact@abcfriends.net.au)

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).

30 MAR 2024: Ita Buttrose steps down as Chair of ABC Board.

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

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**Give us a hand - we need your help!**



Can anyone assist with distribution of our posters?



Can anyone make an ABC Friends quilt?

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

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### **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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