

Friends of the

ABC

Blue Mountains Region September 2007

Chance to Question the Candidates for Macquarie

On **Saturday September 22nd**, Friends and members of the community will have an opportunity to ask the Macquarie electorate candidates how they plan to support the ABC. All the candidates for the major parties and an independent candidate have agreed to attend the Seminar at the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, starting at 10 am. An independent moderator will initially allow each candidate ten minutes to outline his or her position on the following concerns:

- The establishment of a non-political process for the appointment of members to the Board of the ABC.
- The banning of commercial advertising on all ABC activities.
- The restoration of non-tied funding to the levels of 1985-6 in real terms.
- The publication in full of the independent review commissioned by the Federal Government and conducted by KPMG into the adequacy and efficiency of ABC funding.
- Editorial independence for individual program makers.

The remainder of the time will be available for questions from the audience. So, come along and take part in this exercise in participatory democracy to make sure our future Parliamentary Representative knows that we really do care about "Our" ABC. Use the flyer below to invite your friends and colleagues.

Visit to ABC Ultimo Centre

The last meeting decided to organise a tour of the ABC's Ultimo Centre in November. Tours are conducted on Monday to Friday at 9.50am and 12.20pm. Cost is: adult \$7.50 (concession, \$6.50); child \$5.50 (must be 10 or older).

Intending participants are asked to notify Carole Goodwin by the next meeting, nominating three preferred days. The most popular three preferences will then be nominated on the application to the ABC. Carole Goodwin can be contacted at goodwins@hermes.net.au or 47512680.

Friends of the ABC NSW
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Next Meeting:

Where: Grand View Hotel
When: Saturday 15 September
Time: 10.00am

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September Meeting Agenda

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15, at the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls, commencing at 10 am. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Minutes and business arising.
3. Correspondence and business arising.
4. Financial report.
5. Planning groups:
 - a. Stalls: Planning for Glenbrook Festival.
 - b. Letter writing: Composing letter to distribute to public at the Glenbrook Festival.
6. Candidates' Seminar: reports and planning.
7. General business.

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Meet the Candidates Seminar

Kerry Bartlett—Liberal

Bob Debus—ALP

David King—The Democrats

Carmel McCallum—Greens

Tim Williams—Independent

- Candidates will be speaking on their policies, including their views on depoliticising appointments to the ABC Board
- Supporting editorial independence
- Adequate funding for the ABC, and
- Ensuring a commercial advertising ban on the National Broadcaster

Members of the community are invited to attend the Meet the Candidates Seminar and question the candidates about how they plan to support the ABC, if elected.

Following the Seminar, participants will have an opportunity to meet and purchase lunch in the Grand View Restaurant.

The Grand View Hotel

Wentworth Falls

10–12

Saturday, September 22



For more information: Bob Macadam 4754 1620 or Carole Goodwin 4751 2680

Please distribute this Flyer to your friends and work colleagues