



You are invited to a

CHURCHILL CHAT

- Presenter:** Geraldine Doogue (Churchill Fellow 2000)
Date: Monday 26th February 2018
Time: 5.45pm – 7.30pm
Venue: The Masonic Club, 169 Castlereagh St Sydney (a 3 min walk from Town Hall Station just around the corner from Park St)
Cost: Nil – but booking essential
RSVP: Monday 19th February

You are invited to attend a very special Conversation with ABC journalist and broadcaster, Geraldine Doogue on Monday 26th February.

We are promising a very interesting interactive discussion with Geraldine who will talk briefly about her work and about about the key issues that she intends to pursue this coming year. We have then organized a panel who will interview Geraldine about her Fellowship and subsequent contribution raising issues that pre-occupy them in their Fellowships? There will be opportunities for questions from the floor.

A Churchill Chat is an opportunity for Fellows to share their work formally in presentation or informally in conversation with others, and to introduce the Churchill Fellowship program to others.

Dinner will be available at your own expense in the bistro at the conclusion of the chat (7.30pm). Arrangement will be in place for you to order prior to the Chat at 5.30pm ready for 7.30pm meal service.

For **enquiries or bookings** please contact Elizabeth Comino on 0417 402 369 or email Elizabethcomino@gmail.com

Biography: Geraldine Doogue AO

Born and raised in Perth, Geraldine Doogue AO is a renowned Australian journalist and broadcaster much loved for her work reporting on religious and social affairs.

Geraldine has carved out an enviable reputation across print, television and radio, working on *The Australian*, ABC's Nationwide, 2UE, Channel 10 news and hosting ABC TV's Compass program.

She played a major role in ABC TV's coverage of the Gulf War in 1991 seeing her awarded two Penguin Awards and a United Nations Media Peace Prize.

In 1992 Geraldine began presenting *Life Matters*, a new ABC Radio National program which set out to cover the full gamut of social issues in everyday life. For Geraldine, this has been the highlight of her career, providing new voices to the public conversation, those of the Australian public themselves.

In 2000, she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for social and cultural reporting and in 2003 she was made an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to the community and to the media on issues involving ethics, values, religion and social change.

In recent years, Geraldine has taken an interest in the relationship between Islam and the Western world, co-producing *Tomorrow's Islam* in 2003 with Peter Kirkwood and in 2005 the pair co-authored a book *Tomorrow's Islam: Uniting Age-old Beliefs and a Modern World*. She has authored several other publications and in 2014 was editor of *The Climb: Conversations with Australian Women in Power*.

In her ongoing role as presenter of the ABC Radio National program *Saturday Extra* and ABC TV's *Compass*, Geraldine continues to tackle a wide range of subjects with rigour, optimism, humour and warmth.