



## **Chris Bath joins 702 ABC Sydney in 2017 Christine Anu to present new national Evenings program**

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**702 ABC Sydney** will welcome respected journalist **Chris Bath** to the Evenings line up in 2017.

Chris Bath will present statewide Evenings on 702 ABC Sydney from Monday – Thursday night commencing 30 January, 2017.

ABC Local Manager in Sydney Cath Dwyer said, "I'm so thrilled that Chris Bath will be joining the ABC next year. While she's well known for her work in television, Chris's work on 702 ABC Sydney this year has demonstrated her great talent for radio. She's got a sharp news sense, a great personality and a genuine interest in people, and we know our audience will welcome her back to the radio in 2017".

"The crew at 702 ABC Sydney and the listeners, who've already made me feel at home this year, are exceptional. I am really excited to be joining them on Evenings in 2017 and exploring other new projects too", Chris said.

Chris will also bring her on-air experience and writing talent to ABC News broadcast and digital platforms in 2017.

**Christine Anu** will present a new national Evenings program on Friday and Saturday nights. Christine has been connecting with audiences across New South Wales in 2016 having taken on the Evenings program for the past year. She looks forward to speaking with a national Evenings audience in 2017 and said "I've had great time talking to audiences across NSW on Evenings this year. I'm really excited to be hosting a new national Evenings program in 2017."

Chris Bath's bio included over page.

### **Full 702 ABC Sydney line up**

Breakfast: Robbie Buck (5.30am-7.45am)

AM: Sabra Lane (8am-8.30am)

Mornings: Wendy Harmer (8.30am-11am)

Conversations: Richard Fidler (11am-12noon)

Afternoons: James Valentine (1pm-3pm)

Drive: Richard Glover (3pm-6pm)

Evenings: Chris Bath (Monday-Thursday) and Christine Anu (Friday-Saturday) (7pm-10pm)

Nightlife: Philip Clark (Monday-Thursday) (10pm-2am) and Sarah Macdonald (Friday-Sunday)

Overnights: Rod Quinn (2am-5.30am Thursday-Sunday)

Weekends: Simon Marnie (Saturday: 5.30am-12noon, Sunday: 10am-12noon)

## **Chris Bath**

Chris Bath was born and raised in South Wentworthville in Sydney's west.

She has been a journalist and news reporter/anchor since 1988.

Chris began her career at Sydney's Radio 2UE landing her first television news job at Prime TV in Albury in 1989, before moving to Newcastle to take on a similar at NBN Television for five years. She moved to Sydney for a job at Channel Seven in 1996 and spent the next 20 years in various anchoring roles, from reading news to interviewing politicians on "Face to Face" and other public affairs shows, reporting for "Witness" and hosting "Sunday Night".

She was the live anchor for rolling network coverage of breaking news from floods to earthquakes, mine disasters, and bushfires. It's a job that's taken her around the world, interviewing Presidents and Prime Ministers and covering important events from elections to Royal weddings.

Chris loves being a journalist but says her most challenging and rewarding role has been motherhood. Her son Darcy is an avid birdwatcher, AKA "birdnerder".

Chris made her debut with 702 ABC Sydney in 2016 when she filled in for Richard Glover on Drive for several weeks.

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