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Walkley Award-winning sports journalist Caroline Wilson to deliver the 2018 Andrew Olle Media Lecture

The 2018 **Andrew Olle Media Lecture** will be delivered by multiple Walkley Award-winning sports journalist **Caroline Wilson** on Thursday 1 November.

Wilson was the chief football writer for *The Age* for 19 years and was the first woman to cover Australian Rules football on a full-time basis.

As one of Australia's most experienced journalists, Wilson's lecture will cover the role of the media in holding institutions to account and her thoughts on unwinding male domination in the sports arena.

ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie said Wilson, a Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year winner and Harry Gordon Sports Journalist of the Year recipient, would offer valuable insights into speaking truth to those in power.

"Caroline Wilson is undoubtedly one of the top reporters in Australia and has driven the constant evolution and revolution in media for decades. She's a perfect choice for the Andrew Olle Media Lecture."

Wilson has spent her career breaking tough stories, but said that she's "a little daunted" to be delivering the Andrew Olle Media Lecture in 2018.

"I'm tremendously honoured. Andrew was an inspirational pillar of Australian journalism and broadcasting and I so look forward to trying to do justice to his legacy at such an important event, and during what is clearly a pivotal period in media history."

As *The Age's* chief football writer, Wilson broke numerous stories, including Carlton's salary cap cheating, the Melbourne tanking scandal, and has been an advocate for women across all levels of the game. She presents regularly on 3AW *Football*, Nine Network's *Footy Classified* and is a panellist on ABC's *Offsiders*.

Wilson follows a long line of distinguished Andrew Olle Media Lecture speakers, including Joseph Kahn, Waleed Aly, Helen McCabe, Kate McClymont, Lisa Wilkinson, Mark Colvin, Laurie Oakes, Ray Martin AM, John Hartigan, John Doyle AM, Lachlan Murdoch, Kerry Stokes AC and Jana Wendt.

The lecture is held in honour of one of the ABC's iconic broadcasters, Andrew Olle. The Olle Fund for Brain Cancer research was set up following his death from a brain tumour in 1995. The money raised at the lecture goes directly to the Cure Brain Cancer Neuro-oncology Group at UNSW, which is now a world leader in personalised medicine for this type of cancer.

The lecture will be delivered at a black-tie dinner at The Westin Grand Ballroom in Sydney on Thursday 1 November. The evening will be hosted by ABC Radio Sydney Drive presenter Richard Glover.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite: <http://www.andrewolle2018.eventbrite.com.au/>

The Andrew Olle Media Lecture will be broadcast nationally on Nightlife on Thursday 1 November on ABC Radio from 11pm. The lecture will also be available on ABC NEWS channel, ABC and iview, with times to be announced.

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