## Member Alert – Power lineup for Tonight’s Disability Election Forum

2 May 2024

A lineup of powerful speakers has been unveiled for tonight’s election and disability forum – the first disability community forum of the ACT election focussed on Planning, Transport and climate Change with the Inner South Canberra Community Council. Space are limited but you can still register [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcOqsqzwjE9dR0YN22YJJAkxwvZaGcl4H#/registration) until 6pm tonight

**MEET OUR MC – WIN TV Journalist Bo Jeong:**

Bo is a TV journalist with WIN News who also works as a speaker, storyteller and a Cellist combining music and interviews to mesmerise audiences

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**Barbara Bennett PSM**. As former Commissioner of the Disability Royal Commission and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Social Services, Barbara brings a wealth of experience through her extensive career in social policy. She has a deep understanding of how best to develop and deliver support for vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians.

**Craig Wallace**. Longstanding disability activist and past national President of People with Disability Australia. He previously worked for ACTCOSS and has now joined Advocacy for Inclusion leading policy, government relations and public face work. Craig is also a national media commentator on programs like The Drum and the ABC’s Making Headlines segment.

**David Goodbody**. David has wide experience in programs for people with disabilities, particularly in the areas of employment and education, including the early development stages of the NDIS.

David spent nearly 5 years in Indonesia supporting people with disabilities, notably people who are multi disabled and vision impaired.

**Graham Downie**: A former long standing Canberra times journalist whose brief included transport and utilities as well as the popular Consumer Voice column. Graham is a daily user of Canberra’s public transport and is familiar with its shortcomings as well as having written extensively about Canberra’s troubled wheelchair taxis.

Though blind since birth, Downie continues to contribute to numerous community organisations, particularly Scouting. Graham’s work has been recognised through numerous Awards including the 1985 ANZAC of the Year Award, 1990 Canberra Citizen of the Year as well as being made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia

What: Disability Election Forum

When: Thursday 2 May 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Online via Zoom (register up until 6pm): <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcOqsqzwjE9dR0YN22YJJAkxwvZaGcl4H#/registration>

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