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## Press Freedom the focus of Talking Justice event in Bendigo

An impressive line-up of speakers from the Australian media industry are coming to Bendigo this month for a free public forum on Press Freedom in Australia.

This event is part of the Talking Justice series, presented by ARC Justice and the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre in partnership with Goldfields Libraries.

Following raids on ABC and News Corp journalists by the Australian Federal Police in 2019, this year's Talking Justice event will focus on the impact of national security and whistle-blower laws on journalists' ability to report on issues affecting human rights, and the risks that they face in the process.

An exciting panel of speakers will address the question: do we always have the right to know what governments we elect are doing in our name, or should some things be 'off-limits' to the press?

Guest speakers will include Walkley award-winning journalists Annika Smethurst (News Corp) and Richard Ackland (The Saturday Paper / Justinian), Professor of Communication Matthew Ricketson from Deakin University, and former ABC Radio host Jon Faine.

Talking Justice is a free event open to the public. Registrations are required.

Please note: due to unprecedented demand for tickets, this event has been relocated to the Bendigo Town Hall.

### Event details:

**Date:** Monday 17th February 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm to 8:15pm

**Location:** Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves St, Bendigo

**Bookings:** (FREE) <https://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/talkingjustice>

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