

Hon Maxine McKew AM

Former Journalist, Politician, Author & Keynote Speaker

Maxine McKew is an author and Hon Enterprise Professor of the Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne. Her most recent book, published by Melbourne University Press in 2014, is *Class Act* - a study of the key challenges in Australian schooling. This publication followed the success of her memoir, *Tales From the Political Trenches*, an account of her brief but tumultuous time in the Federal Parliament.



Maxine's background traverses both journalism and politics. For many years she was a familiar face to ABC TV viewers and was anchor of prestigious programmes such as the 7.30 Report and Lateline. Her work has been recognized by her peers with both Walkely and Logie awards. When she left journalism and made the switch to politics, she wrote herself into the Australian history books by defeating Prime Minister John Howard in the Sydney seat of Bennelong. In government she was both parliamentary secretary for early childhood and later, for regional development and local government.

Maxine is a director of Per Capita and the John Cain Foundation. In 2015 she was appointed to serve on the board of the State Library of Victoria and re-appointed for a further term in 2018. She also serves as a non-executive director of New Energy Solar.

Client testimonials

“ Brilliant - Topical, entertaining and frank. Very interesting, thought provoking and relevant.

- ***Public Service and Merit Protection Commission***

“ Maxine McKew chaired a quite challenging question session - and was able to 'draw out' our speaker very well.

- ***Australian Institute of Company Directors NSW Division***

“ Maxine was a great asset to our conference and particularly as facilitator of the debate.

- Insolvency Trustees Service Australia

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