



SHARRI MARKSON & JOE HILDEBRAND



Is “just reporting the facts” enough ?

Pauline Hanson may feel that’s gone the way of the dodo when a court has ordered her to pay a former staffer \$250,000 in defamation damages when the judge presiding found the central accusations Hanson had made were true!

With the new Federal Government considering changes to the current defamation legislation and with concerns that the powers of the National Integrity Commission’s powers may contain IED’s for journalists it’s so important that our profession be informed and influential in driving better law and greater protections for our pursuit of the public interest.

Which brings us to a very special event, the [Sydney Media Club](#) is back!

On November 9 at 6pm at the iconic Castlereagh, two of our best stars, Sharri Markson in conversation with Joe Hillebrand.

Markson’s work on the origins of Covid-19 was both world-leading and ground-breaking, but it is really just the apex of a long and incredibly varied career that has ranged from great tabloid gotchas to glossy teen magazines to in-depth broadsheet investigative pieces — and of course that most extraordinary expose of perhaps the most powerful and secretive nation on earth.

“It would also be great to know how the hell Sharri got her great Wuhan Covid scoop. I mean it’s not like she’s a member of the Central Committee of the CCP — that would be genuinely fascinating!” Joe said.

Sharri being the humble professional that she is may be reluctant to make herself the centre of attraction. *“That would be embarrassing, there are so many issues affecting our industry at the moment for us to discuss and I’m also looking forward to hearing Joe’s witty, hilarious and unique take on politics and the media,”* Sharri said.

But the fact is that in an era in which many on both the left and the right accuse the media of groupthink, Sharri is walking proof that free and fearless reportage is alive and kicking. Joe should know he’s worked with her.

“I — like many others — have gone from once wondering what all the buzz was about to being agape in wonder at the bombshells, she has been able to drop with devastating precision time after time.”

“She is one of those rare journalists whose first instinct is to question prevailing wisdoms and overturn sedentary apple carts.” Joe said.

What bombshells will be dropped on the night?

You won’t find a better event than with these two, a fabulous grazing table and a glass or two.

SHARRI MARKSON IN CONVERSATION WITH JOE HILDEBRAND AT 6 PM ON NOVEMBER 9 AT THE CASTLEREAGH FOR DRINKS AND A RELAXED END-OF-YEAR GET-TOGETHER.

[Book your tickets HERE](#) – They won’t last long!

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