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Laurie Oakes to speak at inaugural Sydney Media Club Luncheon

LEGENDARY political reporter Laurie Oakes has been announced as the inaugural guest speaker of the Sydney Media Club luncheon, to be staged by the Kennedy Foundation next month.

Mr Oakes, a giant of Australian journalism, will be joined by Nine Entertainment's Ben Fordham at Bar M, Rushcutters Bay on February 19th.

The lunch will be a Kennedy Foundation fundraiser for Mr Oakes' close friend and former Sunday show colleague Tom Krause, who was seriously injured in a road accident last year.

A silent auction will also be staged at the luncheon to support media colleagues impacted by this summer's bushfires.

Kennedy Foundation Chairman Rocco Fazzari said it was an honour to have one of the greats of Australian journalism christen the Sydney Media Club's monthly luncheons.

"Laurie Oakes is one of the most influential journalists of our time, and the Kennedy Foundation is delighted to have his support for the Sydney Media Club and our efforts to help colleagues in hardship," Mr Fazzari said.

"I would also like thank Ben Fordham for his generosity in hosting proceedings at our inaugural event.

"Just as Laurie mentored so many in his illustrious career Ben is blazing trails for a whole new generation of journalists with his outstanding contributions to radio and television news and current affairs."

Tickets for the inaugural luncheon are available now via this link <https://register.eventarc.com/43902/sydney-media-club-luncheon>

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