



# Nick McKenzie: telling the truth about a national hero

It was a military scandal revealed in a series of stories about the real face of the nation's most decorated living war veteran and culminated in what's been called the 'Defamation Trial of the Century'.

For five years, Nick McKenzie and Chris Masters sought to tell the real story behind Ben Roberts-Smith's service in Afghanistan. The SAS veteran claimed the stories defamed him but last month, the Federal Court dismissed his claim in what was a decision that affirmed the value of public interest journalism.

Nick McKenzie's new book – *Crossing The Line* – takes us inside the exhausting battle to tell the truth and help deliver justice to Roberts-Smith's victims and their families.

Join **Nick**, *The Age's* **Michael Bachelard** and two of the defamation lawyers central to the landmark trial – **Peter Bartlett** and **Dean Levitan** – in a rare discussion about one of Australian journalism's most remarkable stories.

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#### DATE & TIME

Thursday 13 July 2023  
6 for 6.30pm-8pm  
RSVP: 3pm 12 July 2023

#### LOCATION

Melbourne Law School  
Room 920, Level 9  
185 Pelham St, Carlton

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