



NEW INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS AT WAN

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The Board of West Australian Newspapers Holdings Limited (WAN) today announced changes to the company's Board, including the appointment of a new independent director and the forthcoming appointment of a further two new independent directors.

The non-executive director review process has been conducted by the whole Board, in conjunction with Spencer Stuart.

The Board today welcomed the appointment of Mr Graeme John AO as a director.

Mr John has been Managing Director of Australia Post since 1993 and is a Commissioner of the Australian Football League.

In addition, two further candidates, from Western Australia, have been approved by the Board and are now seeking their final clearances. These two further appointments will be made prior to the end of December.

Mr Peter Mansell, Mrs Jenny Seabrook and Mr Mel Ward AO today also confirmed their resignations as directors of WAN. The Directors of the company acknowledge the contribution of the retiring Directors and Peter Mansell as Chairman.

Seven Network Limited, which has a 22.3 per cent shareholding in the company, will retain two directors on the Board of Directors of WAN, Mr Kerry Stokes AC, who is Executive Chairman of Seven Network Limited and fellow director, Mr Peter Gammell.

The next Chairman of the Board of WAN will be decided by the Board when the two additional independent members of the new Board have been appointed.

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