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## Two new members appointed to PPCA Board for 2007

**22 March 2007**

The PPCA Board today unanimously re-elected John O'Donnell as Chairman. In addition, two new appointments were made to the Board. Music industry lawyer and label manager David Vodicka has been elected as Licensor Representative. Paul Christie will replace Greg Macainsh as Artist Representative, following Greg's decision not to stand for re-election.

Mr O'Donnell has held the position of Chairman since November 2004.

"I am delighted to continue my strong association with PPCA, and I look forward to working with fellow Board members and staff to maximise returns to artist and label stakeholders," he said.

Stephen Peach, PPCA CEO, said he looked forward to working with Mr Vodicka and Mr Christie, who will bring different perspectives and new ideas to the Board.

"Over the past year PPCA has achieved a lot, with continued growth delivering a record \$10+ million in net licensing revenue distributed to record labels and Australian artists," he said.

"We've also continued our partnership with the Australian Music Prize for the second year, which recently saw Melbourne band Augie March take out the \$25,000 prize provided by PPCA.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the contribution of Greg Macainsh during his term. Greg joined the Board following his election in 2001, and has actively contributed to PPCA's success over this period."

The PPCA Board is comprised of representatives from the four key record labels in Australia (Sony BMG Music Entertainment, Warner Music Australia, EMI Music Australia and Universal Music Australia), three directors representing the interests of Australian recording artists registered with PPCA under its direct distribution scheme, and a Director appointed by the non-major labels (the Licensor Representative Director).

Following the annual election by PPCA's non-major licensors undertaken earlier this year, David Vodicka, Principal of Rubber Records and entertainment law firm Media Arts Lawyers has been appointed as the Licensor Representative Director for 2007.

Mr Paul Christie has been elected to serve as Artist Representative Director for 2007 and 2008, following the conclusion of Mr Macainsh's term. Paul joins Lindy Morrison (Artist Director) and Bill Cullen (Artist Manager Director) in representing the interests of Australian recording artists on the Board.

Paul Christie is a musician who currently performs with Mondo Rock, Rockhouse and The Big Daddys, and was a founding member of The Party Boys. He lectures at the Australian Institute of Music, and has written books for aspiring musicians on how to get started in the industry.

Board members for 2007 are:

John O'Donnell	Chairman	Managing Director, EMI Music Australia
George Ash		Managing Director, Universal Music Australia
Bill Cullen		One Louder Entertainment
Paul Christie		Artist Representative
Denis Handlin AM		Chairman & CEO, Sony Music Entertainment Australia & NZ
Lindy Morrison		Artist Representative
Ed St John		President & CEO, Warner Music Australasia
David Vodicka		Principal, Rubber Records

## **About PPCA**

PPCA is a national, non-profit organisation established in 1969 to provide non-exclusive licences for the public performance and broadcasting of protected sound recordings and music videos. PPCA distributions are made directly to copyright owners and to Australian recording artists registered with PPCA under its artist direct distribution scheme.

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