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ARIA announces Board Members for 2007

Sydney, Australia – 15 February 2007 – The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) is pleased to announce its Board of Directors for 2007.

Denis Handlin AM	ARIA Chairman	Chairman & CEO, Sony BMG Music Entertainment Australia & NZ
George Ash		Managing Director, Universal Music Australia
Marcus Seal		CEO, Shock Records
Ed St John		President & CEO Warner Music Australasia
Philip Mortlock		Managing Director, Origin Recordings
John O'Donnell		Managing Director, EMI Music
Ken Outch		Chief Operating Officer, Rajon

Mr. Denis Handlin, ARIA Chairman and Chairman & CEO Sony BMG Music Entertainment Australia and New Zealand, has been re-elected as Chairman of ARIA for the ninth successive year and said today he relished the opportunity to continue to work with his fellow Board members to serve the Australian recording industry.

“It is a great honour to be re-elected Chairman of the ARIA Board and receive such strong support from my fellow Board members. Together with ARIA’s various committees, we will continue to address the key issues pertaining to our industry across the year. The ongoing success of Australian artists is due in a large part to the collective efforts of the ARIA Board and remains the key objective in the work we do.”

In addition to the Chairman appointment, the ARIA Board also confirmed the following committee chair appointments for 2007:

Ed St John	ARIA Music Awards /Hall Of Fame
John Parker (Sony BMG Music Entertainment)	ARIA Chart & Marketing Committee
Libby Blakey (Warner Music Australia)	ARIA Copyright Committee
Darryl Sullivan (Universal Music Australia)	ARIA Finance Committee

Each of these committees report directly to the ARIA Board and provide invaluable support to the Board in making key decisions during the year.

Mr Handlin stressed today the key issue for ARIA, it's Board and Committees through 2007 continues to be that of file sharing. "Notwithstanding the notable victory over Kazaa, file sharing continues to be the most challenging of issues for our industry. We must enlist the support of internet service providers in the fight against file sharing, to ensure we protect the interests of our artists and their music. This is critical in order to maintain a healthy and viable local industry. That said, I am incredibly enthusiastic about the quality of our local releases and an exciting roster of releases this year from the likes of Missy Higgins, silverchair, Delta Goodrem, Thirsty Merc and Powderfinger, to name just a few".

Stephen Peach, ARIA Chief Executive Officer, said today that he looks forward to working with the Board and various committees throughout the year to maintain and build on a number of key issues and opportunities.

"In 2006 the ARIA Board and Chart and Marketing Committee worked incredibly hard to introduce two new charts to consumers and industry alike; the Digital Track Chart and Australia's first official Singles Chart to combine both physical and digital sales. An integral part of the ARIA charts was the successful partnership with NOVA and Motorola, significantly broadening their public exposure. We will continue to develop this strategic alliance to ensure the ARIA Charts' position as the pre-eminent music chart in Australia. The Board and ARIA Music Awards / Hall Of Fame Committee staged yet another stellar ARIA Awards, with which we also partnered with Motorola. This has become a major network television event and continues to draw hundreds of thousands of viewers, and growing with each year. The Hall Of Fame Awards has grown in stature in just two years to become one of the most cherished events on the industry calendar. With a clear emphasis on growth we believe that each of these initiatives will increase in stature through 2007".

In summary, in 2007 ARIA looks forward to:

- Addressing ongoing issue of file sharing and working with ISP's.
- Furthering the strategic alliance between ARIA, Motorola and NOVA and the profile of the Motorola ARIA Charts.
- Staging the 3rd Annual ARIA Icons: Hall Of Fame, the Motorola sponsored ARIA Awards and ARIA #1 Chart Awards
- Continuing to support, advise and nurture the local music industry

About ARIA

ARIA is a national industry association representing major and independent record producers, manufacturers and distributors. It acts as an advocate for the Australian music industry, administers the labeling code of practice, provides a 'blanket' non-exclusive licensing function for copyright users and compiles industry information and research. For more information: <http://www.aria.com.au/>

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