

A few weeks ago I asked about families represented in the industry - thank you to all those who volunteered information. I have given a quick update of what I have found at the bottom of this week's Watch. Really appreciate any more children/parents industry stories - please email if you know of any.

Thanks to all those who are already registered to attend the **Information Economy Christmas Events** - I am looking forward to all FOUR of them! They are a great opportunity to see lots of people from all across the industry, Thanks to our hosts - ACS, AEEMA, AIIA, AIMIA, IIA and the Communications Alliance. And to our sponsors - CSIRO and KPMG.

Best Wishes
Rachel Slattery

newsbriefs

The new parliamentary term will provide the opportunity to put in place a broadband framework that recognises the changed realities created by the convergence of telecommunications, broadcasting and information technology, according to Communications Alliance. The Alliance's CEO, Anne Hurley called on leaders to consult with all stakeholders before developing "a comprehensive framework of legislative and administrative measures that are purpose-built for the broadband world, not bolted on to the legacy tools of the pre-digital age."

Australian exporters who contributed a combined \$11.6 billion to the economy and employed 38,500 people have been recognised in the 2007 Australian Export Awards. IT organisations up for an award include: Content Keeper Technologies, CPT Global Limited, Fundi Software Pty Ltd, Bravura Solutions Limited, Mincom Limited and The Learning Edge International.

CSIRO has a new research program, aimed at helping science and business cope with masses of data from areas such as astronomy, gene sequencing, image analysis and climate modeling. The research program, which will begin this year, is called 'Terabyte Science'.

RSVP and speed dating service Fast Impressions have partnered whereby members of RSVP will be able to widen their search for love by receiving updated information on planned social events managed by Fast Impressions.

UK contact centre, RESPONSE, has selected ADMEREX Limited's (ASX: ADL) CWX collections software to manage the collections of its debt management subsidiary, RESPONSE Credit Management.

QMASTOR Limited (ASX: QML) has signed a five year software and services contract with Ok Tedi Mining Limited for the provision of Pit to Port.net and iFuse. The installation will provide improved copper/gold ore tracking and stockpile management across the supply chain.

Mobi Limited (ASX: MBI) has appointed six new dealers to continue to drive sales growth of its recently acquired and wholly owned subsidiary, *OneNetwork*. In addition, Jason Jordan has been appointed to grow the dealer channel and support the company's efforts to increase the number of seats in the network.

eServGlobal (ASX: ESV) and Oberthur Card Systems have successfully deployed their integrated Mobile Point of Sales (M-POS) and SIM Brower solution at Wataniya Telecom Algeria; enabling operators to build and manage an electronic recharge distribution and sales network encompassing thousands of retailers or street sellers.

Yahoo!7 and Bebo have announced an exclusive strategic alliance to provide compelling display advertising, integration of Yahoo!7 products and the delivery of rich media. Under the terms of the agreement, Yahoo!7 will sell Bebo's display advertising in Australia.

CleanTeQ (ASX: CLQ), an emerging Australian technology company, debuted on the Australian Stock Exchange last Friday, trading at a 36% premium to the issue price of 50 cents.

Finalists for the Game Developers Association of Australia (GDAA) have been announced. Finalists include: Auran, Krome Studios, Red Tribes Firemint and Iron Monkey.

TIE is holding its Annual Conference on 'Global Connections for Business Success' on the

eventwatch

Use Search To Drive Your E-Commerce, E-Marketing

Strategies: One-day Search Engine Room workshop by US expert Aaron Shear. Sydney, November 20. More details [here](#).

The 2007 Information Economy

Christmas Events Celebrate the year's achievements and help spread some Christmas cheer! **Don't miss out!** Register 3 people for the special price of \$99 (inc. GST) Join our Facebook [group!](#)

Allternative Realities Tomorrow Tuesday 13th November, 2007; Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers, Level 37, 2 Park Street, Sydney; 3.00pm - 6.30pm. As more and more consumers are embracing online communities and virtual worlds, how will alternative realities impact on the way we do business in the future?



DebateIT: It's a World Wide Web of Women!

Wednesday 21st November, 2007; Museum of Sydney; 5.30pm - 7.00pm. Speakers: **Laurel Papworth**, Online Communities Strategist, World Communities; **Samantha Brett**, Blogger, ASK SAM; **Danielle Lehrer**, Founder & CEO, GoShout Pty Ltd; **Liesl Capper**, CEO & Co-founder, My Cyberwin; **Sara Goldstein**, Founder, Mybargainqueen.com. Moderator: **Lynne Spender**, Consultant, DigiGen. Register soon to avoid disappointment as we are filling up fast (especially with women!) More details [here](#).

Election Review: Did technology influence the outcome?

Wednesday 5th December, 2007; 3.00pm - 6.00pm. Speakers include: **Rachel Hills**, Associate Editor, New Matilda; **Miriam Lyons**, Director, Centre for Policy Development; **Nick Menzies**, Special Projects Coordinator, Getup.org.au; **Annabel Crabb**, Journalist, Sydney Morning Herald; **Paul Fletcher**, Director, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs, Optus. Want to know more about how technology is changing the nature of politics? More details [here](#).

AIIA Business Briefing - Always looking Forward

Thursday 6th December, 2007; Shangri-La Hotel; 7.30am - 9.30am. Speakers: **Su-Ming Wong**, Managing Director, CHAMP Ventures; **Mike Cannon-Brookes**, CEO, Atlassian Software Systems; **Alan Noble**, Engineering Director, Google Australia. A great way to end the year with three industry identities giving their perspectives on what's coming next. More details [here](#).

13th November, 2007 in Sydney. Keynote speakers, including Kanwal Rekhi from Silicon Valley, will share their strategies and experiences when doing business with India. To register click [here](#) or phone Murali on 0414 892 361.

Donald McGauchie, Chairman of Telstra, released a [statement](#) expressing the Telstra Boards disappointment over shareholders recent vote on the Remuneration Report. According to the Chairman, "We believe this debate is in its infancy and will continue, involving many corporations, stakeholders and, eventually, proxy advisors."

peoplewatch

BlueFreeway Limited (ASX: BLU) has appointed Martin Filz to the position of Group Managing Director, Oceania. Prior to this role, Martin was Managing Director of Europe for Citicet.

Adam Furness will join ninemsn in January 2008 as Director of Sales Strategy. Adam joins ninemsn from the Macquarie Radio Network, where he was Manager – MRN Agency and is replacing Ajoy Roy-Chowdhury who left the company to immigrate to the United Kingdom.

GLINTECH has appointed Damien Parks as its new Asia Pacific Sales Manager. Previously, Damien has spent three years with Unisys as the Oracle Alliance Manager for Asia Pacific.

Peter Dengate Thrush, a New Zealand lawyer, has been elected unanimously as the new Chairman of the Board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). Peter Dengate Thrush, who has been involved since ICANN began, will replace retiring Chair, Dr Vint Cerf. Australia's Dr Paul Twomey who is ICANN's President and CEO, welcomed the appointment.

Australian Women in IT and Science Entity (AWISE) has revealed the women that will lead it in to 2008. Unanimously voted in were: Barbara Tobin – President and Chair, Tina Swaker – Treasurer and Sonja Bernhardt – Secretary.

Siimon Reynolds is taking some time out after resigning as Director of Photon Group (ASX: PGA) however he will continue as Strategic Creative Advisor of Photon subsidiary, Love Communications and has also accepted the position of Chairman of the Photon Foundation. Siimon, Tim Hughes and RG Capital, first established Photon Group in 1999.

Beethoven Computer Services has appointed Gabrielle Van Meurs as CEO, effective immediately. Gabrielle succeeds Ross Allardyce who will continue serving as chairman of the board and a full time employee.

wearefamily

So here is my update of what I have found! Thanks to all those who have pointed me in the right direction. So far I have: Michael Carpena who is with Starbuck Management and his son Michael who is with Soul Telecomms. Robert Forsyth who heads up Sophos in Asia Pacific and his son Nick Forsyth who is Services Delivery Manager with Kordia; Ian Dennis from Whitehorse Strategic Group boasts two sons, one daughter and one daughter-in-law in the industry. Aron Steg, Managing Director, SMS Central Australia Pty Ltd has an uncle in the industry - both of them are engineers. SquarePeg's Will Scully-Power and his father Paul Scully-Power are well known, especially in their home city of Sydney. Mike Cannon-Brookes senior works for IBM in Asia and Mike Cannon-Brookes junior heads up enterprise wiki company, Atlassian. In South Australia, Matthew and Zbigniew Michalewicz are well know father and son entrepreneurs and Natascha Cox and her mum Dagmar Egen worked together at KAZ and now run an IT Recruitment company, AlphaJade. And across the Tasman, we have a mother and son combination working together - Despina Kerdemelidis is the founder of KeyGhost & her son is Theo Kerdemelidis.

VC Connect NSW Thursday 6th December, 2007; Australian Maritime Museum; 2.00pm - 7.00pm. What a line-up! Learn everything you have ever wanted to know about the early-stage investment process for technology companies. Speakers include: Bill Bartee, Roger Buckeridge, Alison Deans, Richard Webb, Mike Zimmerman and more! More details [here](#).

companywatch

Fujitsu Australia Limited acquired the Chartres Business Solutions business, which will extend its capability in the financial services sector. Owned by Australian company, Chartres Business Solutions Pty Ltd, the company will be integrated into Fujitsu Consulting with its directors moving into management positions.

CDC Software, a subsidiary of CDC Corporation, has acquired Microsoft CRM specialist Snapdragon Consulting (Snapdragon). Under the terms of the acquisition, Snapdragon will become part of CDC Software's Australian consulting services arm, Praxa Limited, with Guy Riddle to remain General Manager of Snapdragon. Praxa will relocate Snapdragon's existing Sydney based teams to its South Melbourne offices.

ST Synergy Limited has finalised the purchase of all the assets of Panorama Labs Pty Ltd (in liquidation) from its liquidators for \$1.35 million. The purchase will be funded by the issue of Convertible Notes.

Entertainment Media & Telecoms Corporation Limited (ASX: EMT) has signed a heads of agreement to acquire 51% of the global rights to Nexbis' Nexcode security product range for a payment of \$22.95 million in cash and \$7.65 million in EMT shares.

Hyro (ASX:HYO) has announced its intention to acquire Sydney-based, Asia-Pacific e-business systems group Indigo Pacific for a sum of \$4.5 million. The acquisition will see staff increase to around 220 people, or around a third of Hyro's total workforce. Hyro anticipates that the Indigo Pacific businesses will add approximately \$15 million in revenue to the group in 2008.



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- » 29th Nov 07 - adelaide | Richmond Hotel, Rundle Mall

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