

Below is this week's Watch.

Best wishes,
Rachel Slattery

newsbriefs

The resignation of Victorian Premier, Steve Bracks on Friday might lead to a new Victorian IT minister if Tim Holding succeeds in being elevated to the position of Treasurer today.

The Seven Network lost its case against 22 companies including News Ltd, Telstra, PBL, Optus and Foxtel claiming they had prevented C7 from securing sports broadcasting rights in 2002. Seven's response to the judgement can be found [here](#).

Telstra has launched its fourth Disability Action Plan, to improve access to next generation technologies for people with a disability. www.telstra.com.au/disability

Precedence Health Care's Chronic Disease Management Network, CDM-Net, has been granted \$2 million in government funding as part of the Clever Network scheme. Precedence Health Care will use broadband to create a network of health services for monitoring and supporting care management.

auDA, the Australian Domain Name Administrator, has chosen **Beethoven Computer Services'** Resolve software to support demand on its enquiries, feedback and complaints handling activities.

The Queensland Government has awarded Mincom a \$20 million contract to upgrade QBuild's state-wide information management system. QBuild offers construction and strategic building maintenance service to Queensland Government agencies .

peoplewatch

Troy Suda has joined Lonely Planet as Global Head of Haystack & Emerging Online Businesses. Troy was formally Innovation and Product Development Manager at Coles Group Ltd. **Haystack**, Lonely Planet's new online venture is an accommodation booking service that only features properties hand picked by Lonely Planet's 300 on-the-road authors.

Pippa Leary is the new general manager – media of Fairfax Digital, following the resignation of Liam Walsh. Pippa was previously Fairfax Digital's director of news and information. Liam Walsh is to head up Drive Performance Media.

Ray Bradbery has joined Swiss application integration specialist E2E as managing director of its Australia and New Zealand division. Ray joins E2E with more than 30 years' experience in the IT industry, including 23 years with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and seven years at Borland Software.

John Coates is leaving his position as CFO and GM of International Strategy at Sensis to take on the role of CFO at Freshtel Holdings Limited (ASX: FRE).

eventwatch

AIIA Marketing Forum - The IT Marketing Identity Crisis Wednesday 15th August; 12.00pm - 2.00pm; Vibe Hotel, Milsons Point; Speakers: **Craig Baty**, VP, Distinguished Analyst, Global Lead - IT Marketing and Channel Strategies Technology & Service Provider Research, Gartner; **Ray Kloss**, Director, Marketing & Business Development, SAP Australia. More details [here](#).

Truly Global from Day One Wednesday 15th August; 7.30am - 9.30am; Stanford Australia Association Entrepreneur's Series. Why did these different entrepreneurs decide to spread their businesses across the planet in the way they did? What issues have they faced and how are they managing them?

Confirmed Panelists: **Larry Marshall**, serial entrepreneur and Director of Arasor Pty Ltd (ASX: ARR); **Nik Cubrilovic**, CEO, Omnidrive Inc.; **John Houston**, Chairman and Chief Executive, EMT; Moderator: **Mike Zimmerman**, Partner, Technology Venture Partners. More details [here](#).

companywatch

Computershare Limited (ASX: CPU) has acquired UMB Bank, a transfer agency business, based in Kansas City. The total price of the acquisition was USD\$8.86 million.

Playford Capital has invested an undisclosed sum in Cavitus, an Australian company with High Power Ultrasonics technology. Cavitus has raised an initial investment round of \$2 million to develop and protect its HPU technology and to deliver its wine barrel-cleaning and disinfection system.

IBA Healthcare has been beaten at the post in its' acquisition of iSoft by an unsolicited £160m all cash offer by Germany's CompuGroup, a 19% premium on IBA Health's bid.

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