



BBC Worldwide ANZ appoints new Finance Director

Tim Curry has been appointed as Director of Finance for BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand, announced the regional MD Jon Penn.

The role will provide high level financial analysis and strategic planning across the Australia and New Zealand business, working for Jon Penn and alongside the senior management team to ensure that growth plans are achieved.

Tim joins BBC Worldwide from AMT Group, where he is currently the Chief Financial Officer for the mobile phone retailer. In 2013 he worked as COO/CFO for The Leading Edge, an international market research and strategy services company, where he helped to improve profitability across the business.

Prior to this, Tim was the Group Financial Controller at pay television provider AUSTAR for six years, from 2006-11. In this role he contributed to the company's strategic direction as part of the senior management team and had specific financial responsibility for joint ventures XYZ, Nickleodeon, MCN and Main Event with Foxtel and others.

Tim qualified as a Chartered Accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers in London and worked for them for 10 years in London, Sydney and Vancouver in a number of senior roles.

At BBC Worldwide, Tim will lead a nine-strong finance team and provide commercial direction for a business that owns six subscription TV channels, including the new premium drama channel BBC First on Foxtel, distributes programmes to all TV and digital platforms in ANZ, and has a range of other commercial interests from DVDs, consumer products and digital apps to live events and advertising sales.

Jon Penn said: "Tim has extensive financial experience working in the subscription TV industry as well as retail and market research, which will be a great asset to our diverse and evolving media business."

Tim Curry said: "Having grown up with the BBC in the UK I took the quality of its content for granted and since coming to Australia have quickly learned what an affinity Australian audiences have for it too. I am really looking forward to joining the BBC Worldwide team and helping to grow these audiences across all platforms at such an exciting time for the industry."

Tim joins BBC Worldwide in November.

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About BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand

Australia & New Zealand (ANZ) is a priority territory for BBC Worldwide, focusing on growth across all its core business areas. Based in Macquarie Park, Sydney, BBC Worldwide ANZ wholly owns six channels: BBC First, UKTV, BBC Knowledge and CBeebies in Australia; UKTV and BBC Knowledge in New Zealand; and is responsible for the distribution and promotion of BBC World News which transmits in both countries. BBC First, a new premium channel showcasing premiere drama and comedy on the Foxtel platform in Australia, launched on 3 August 2014 and immediately claimed the top three drama ratings across STV for the day. BBC Worldwide ANZ distributes great British content from the BBC and other producers to all free-to-air and most subscription channels in Australia and New Zealand. It works with partners to bring BBC Worldwide DVDs, magazines, digital apps, innovative products and live events to the local market, as well as offering advertising opportunities for the BBC's world renowned bbc.com news site.