



#### 2007 Full Year Result

19 February, 2008

Chief Executive Brendan Hopkins
Chief Financial Officer Peter Myers

### APN News & Media Portfolio

- Largest media company in New Zealand
- Largest Publisher in regional Queensland
- Largest Radio broadcaster in Australasia
- Largest Outdoor operator in Australasia
- Largest Online business directory in New Zealand

#### **PUBLISHING**

- The New Zealand Herald
- 23 regional daily newspapers
  - 100+ community newspapers
  - National and regional magazines

#### **OUTDOOR**

- Australasian market leader in all major categories
- Leading operator in Hong Kong, Malaysia & Indonesia

#### **RADIO**

- 12 metro stations in Australia, targeting 25-54 demographic
- 120+ stations in New Zealand over 8 networks

#### **ONLINE**

- Number 1 news website in New Zealand
- Number 1 business directory site in New Zealand

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Full Year Dividend	31.5 cents	<b>1</b> 6%

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## 2007 Divisional Highlights

Rapid growth in Outdoor

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- Major new contracts secured
- Excellent results in Hong Kong
- Good growth for Australian Publishing while absorbing short-term cost of re-engineering projects. New Zealand regional publishing down in line with local economies
- New Zealand metro publishing marginally positive
- Radio outcome flat in competitive market
- Strong online organic revenue growth for nzherald.co.nz and Directories

## 2007 Full Year Result (pre-NRI)

AUD millions	2007	2006	Growth
Underlying Revenue*	1,314.2	1,266.9	4%
EBITDA	361.0	342.0	6%
Depreciation/amortisation	(37.4)	(34.5)	(8%)
EBIT	323.6	307.5	5%
Net finance costs	(63.3)	(63.1)	0%
Profit before tax	260.3	244.4	6%
Tax	(54.1)	(49.4)	(10%)
Minorities	(36.8)	(37.5)	2%
Net Profit	169.4	157.5	8%
Diluted Earnings Per Share	34.4c	32.5c	6%
Net Profit post NRI	167.4	159.5	<b>5%</b>

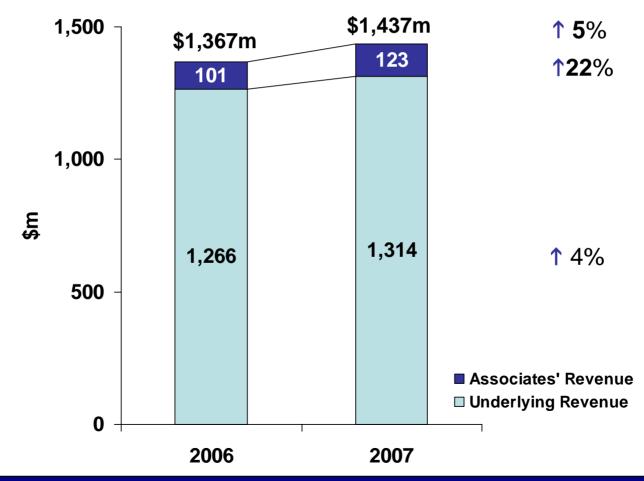
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### Revenue Growth

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When revenue from Associates is included, group revenue grew 5%



## Divisional Performance – H2 (pre-NRI)

	Revenue			EBIT		
AUD millions	H2 07	H2 06	Growth	H2 07	H2 06	Growth
Publishing	390.0	382.0	2%	116.1	110.7	5%
- Regional Publishing - NZ National Publishing	222.8 167.2	214.9 167.1	4% 0%	65.9 50.2	62.2 48.5	6% 3%
Radio	133.6	129.5	3%	48.4	47.0	3%
Outdoor	152.4	133.5	14%	27.8	19.3	45%
Corporate & Other	6.6	(0.7)		(5.9)	(7.4)	
TOTAL pre NPI	682.6	644.3	6%	186.4	169.6	10%
New Product Initiatives	9.5	7.1	34%	(5.2)	(3.3)	
- Online	6.4	3.1	104%	(4.0)	(1.7)	
- Other	3.1	4.0	(21%)	(1.2)	(1.6)	
TOTAL	692.1	651.5	6%	181.2	166.3	9%
Businesses disposed/closed	0.0	10.3		0.0	0.9	
As reported	692.1	661.8		181.2	167.2	

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## Divisional Performance – FY (pre-NRI)

	Revenue			EBIT		
AUD millions	FY 07	FY 06	Growth	FY 07	FY 06	Growth
Publishing	769.5	743.7	3%	223.8	215.6	4%
- Regional Publishing - NZ National Publishing	434.7 334.8	412.8 330.9	5% 1%	125.4 98.4	119.1 96.5	5% 2%
Radio	258.8	255.4	1%	84.9	82.9	2%
Outdoor	268.7	249.9	8%	37.0	26.1	42%
Corporate & Other	11.0	6.5		(10.6)	(12.5)	
TOTAL pre NPI	1,308.0	1,255.5	4%	335.1	312.1	7%
New Product Initiatives	17.3	14.7	18%	(10.8)	(7.0)	
- Online	11.1	6.9	61%	(8.2)	(3.6)	
- Other	6.2	7.8	(20%)	(2.5)	(3.4)	
TOTAL	1,325.4	1,270.2	4%	324.3	305.1	6%
Businesses disposed/closed	0.3	31.5		(0.7)	2.4	
As reported	1,325.7	1,301.7		323.6	307.5	

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## Business re-engineering

#### **Customer Contact Centres**

 Australia and NZ – single contact centres handling inbound and outbound publishing bookings

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- Structured approach to outbound sales campaigns
- Deloitte Consulting developing new revenue collection model



## Business re-engineering

#### **Centralised production**

- All Australian regionals online to centralised ad services bureau
- 150+ estate agents using self-service web interface
- NZ to adopt similar bureau system
  - In Auckland, 80% of editorial production now outsourced to single facility
  - Sharper page layouts and designs for regional titles
- Improved work flows deliver gains in productivity



Ad Services Bureau, Brisbane



Pagemasters, Auckland

## Press Centre Upgrades









- 5.5 million gloss and coldset tabloid pages printed per week
- Rockhampton and Toowoomba press centres almost complete
  - Construction underway at Ballina in Northern NSW
  - Mackay upgrade complete
- Colour upgrades to Wanganui and Tauranga in New Zealand

## Regional Publishing



To be the number one regional publisher – print and online – in our Australian and New Zealand markets

2007: Revenue and EBIT up 5%

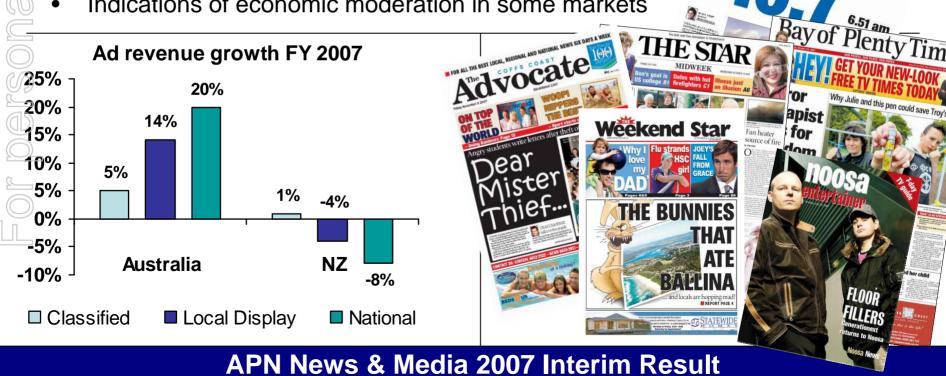
## Regional Publishing

#### **Australia**

- Queensland market continues strong growth
- New systems installed and staff trained
- Continued strong demand for gloss colour products

#### **New Zealand**

- Property advertising continues good growth
- Indications of economic moderation in some markets



## Regional Publishing



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- Several strategic acquisitions, including moving to 100% of The Chronicle in Toowoomba
- Increased colour capacity lifts advertiser demand
- Property advertising continues good growth in Australia and New Zealand

## Regional Magazines









- Largest magazine publisher in Queensland
  - Style lifestyle magazine network completed
    - 14 editions, 570k copies, ~600 pages per month
- Footprint from Coffs Harbour to Cairns
  - High growth markets with focus on lifestyle
- Crave magazine targets high net cash mining communities
- Good growth for City Life in north Queensland

## New Zealand National Publishing









To be the number one publisher – print and online – in Auckland

2007: EBIT up 2% to \$98m

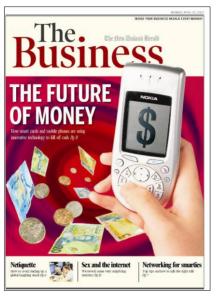
### The New Zealand Herald



- NZ Herald continues to grow readership
- New features driving growth in retail advertising category
- Property section innovations
- Canvas magazine at record pagination
- Circulation drivers
  - -Time Out
  - -The Business

## Readership









- New Zealand Herald and Herald on Sunday the country's fastest growing paid newspapers\*
- NZ Herald 585,000 readers, up 3%
- Weekend Herald 624,000 readers & most-read paper in New Zealand
- Herald on Sunday –
  345,000 readers, up 6%

<sup>\*</sup> Nielsen National Readership Survey, Jan-Dec 2007

## New Zealand Magazines









- Woman's Weekly still New Zealand's most read consumer magazine
- Listener highest-circulating and most-read current affairs magazine; Creme is NZ's fastest-growing teen magazine
- Simply You fashion and lifestyle titles acquired in December; good fit with existing portfolio

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- Herald on Sunday is now profitable
- Continues to grow circulation
- Best-read Sunday title in northern region
- Specialist sections expanded: Travel, Property, Social
- Strong Auckland focus

#### Aucklander









- Aucklander: seven editions across the district
- Reconfigured to allow for sharper local focus
- Reduced losses

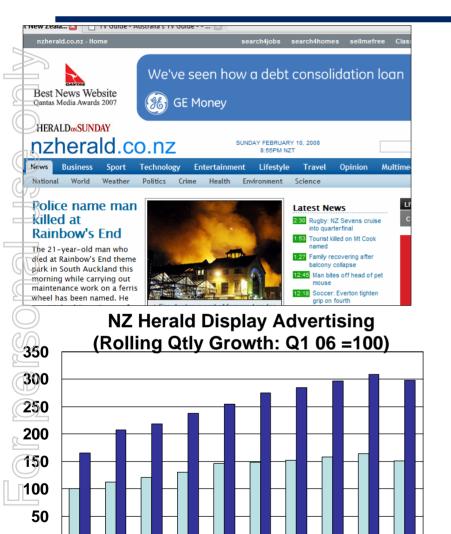
### **APN Online**



To be the largest in online advertising in each of our local markets across Australia and New Zealand

2007: Revenue up 61%

#### nzherald.co.nz

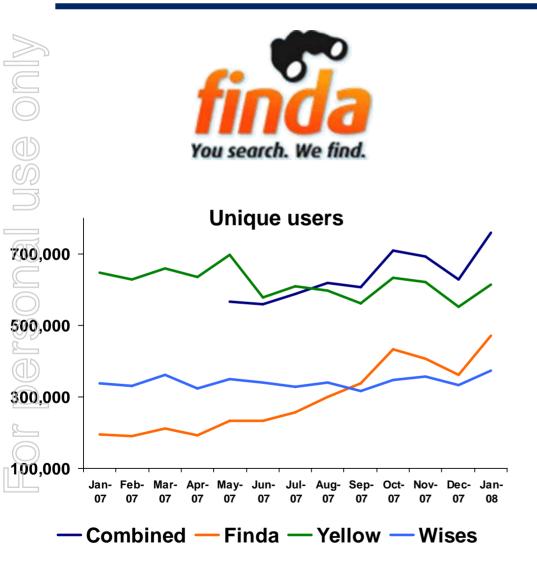


Mar Apr May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

**2006 2007** 

- Average 590K+ unique browsers; 9M+ page impressions per week
- Record traffic levels driven by coverage of events such as the Rugby World Cup
- Increased level of user engagement through comments on articles and blogs
- Strategic alliance with Microsoft
- Investment in technology platform to support growth

### Directories – New Zealand

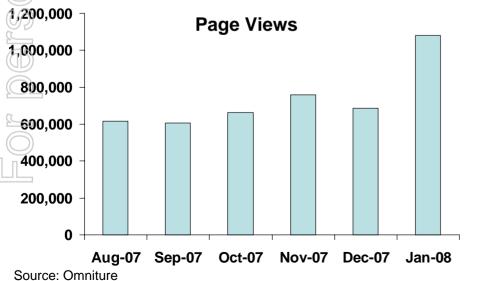


- Ownership taken to 100% since year-end
- Record traffic levels combined traffic of Wises and Finda exceeding Yellow Pages
- Focus on delivering improved consumer experience – better navigation, key word search
- Product innovations in 2008
   enhanced listings, video
- Strategic alliance with Google

Source: Nielsen Netratings Market Intelligence

## thedaily.com.au





- Regional community site launched on Sunshine Coast
- Traffic steadily building since launch
- Gaining traction with community participation on site through blogs and feedback

### APN Online – Investments

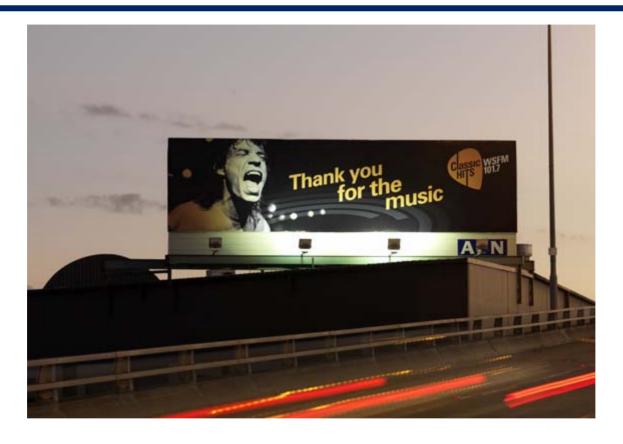




- Holiday accommodation site rapidly growing listings
- Leisure market growing for short domestic vacations
- Eventfinder entertainment directory good strategic fit with community online project

### Radio

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To be the number one radio broadcaster 25-54 in Australia and the number one radio broadcaster overall in New Zealand

#### Radio – Australian Radio Network

- 12 stations in key metro markets; Mix & Classic Hits
- More than 4.4m listeners 10+ each week; core 25-54 demographic
- Since 2002, ARN has maintained advertising share despite a new competitor in every major market
- Competition remains tight in key Sydney market
- Exciting new programming changes

\$Am	2007	2006	Var
Revenue	141.3	143.2	(1%)
EBIT	56.9	55.1	3%
Margin	40.3%	38.5%	

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### Radio – Australian Radio Network



Jonesy & Amanda WSFM



Two Women & a Metro Mix 101.1

- Key breakfast 'prime time' teams in place
- Programming upgrade to provide lead-in for the day
- Improved commercial environment for advertisers
- Programming key to competing with digital alternatives



Sonia Kruger & Todd McKenney Mix 106.5



John, Jodie & Snowy Mix 102.3

#### Radio – New Zealand

- Leading radio broadcaster in NZ: 162 AM & FM licences, 8 networks
- #1 Talk and #1 Music stations in Auckland and Wellington
- Four of top five stations in Auckland
- Three new stations launched in 2007
  - Radio Hauraki in Nelson (straight to #1 in market)
  - Flava to Tauranga
  - Coast to Whangarei

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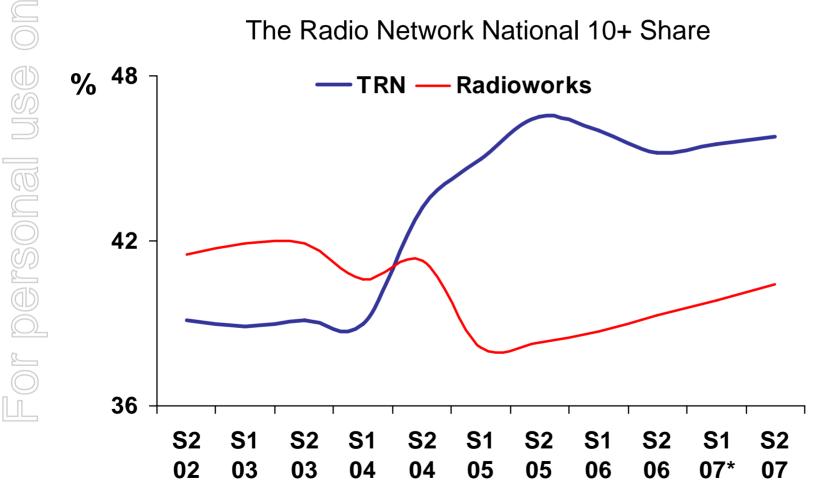




### NZ national audience share

#### TRN continues to be the clear market leader in NZ Radio

The Radio Network National 10+ Share



Source: Research International; National Database 2 2007; \* No survey conducted for S1 2007

### Radio – Developments

#### **Australia**

- Digital broadcasting from 1 January 2009
- Supplementary technology; analogue broadcasting to remain in place

#### **New Zealand**

- Licence renewals to be finalised before 1 April 2008
- Agreement covers all AM and FM licences to 2031
- Auction to be held for additional licences in H1

### Outdoor

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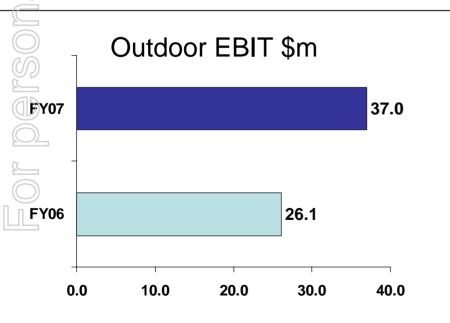


To strengthen our position as the number one Outdoor operator in Australia, New Zealand and our Asian markets

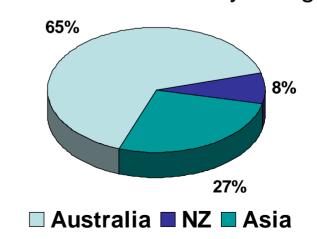
## **APN Outdoor**

- Secured major contracts for Sydney, Melbourne street furniture, New Zealand rail network and Christchurch Airport
- Australian market continues strong performance
- Excellent growth in Hong Kong



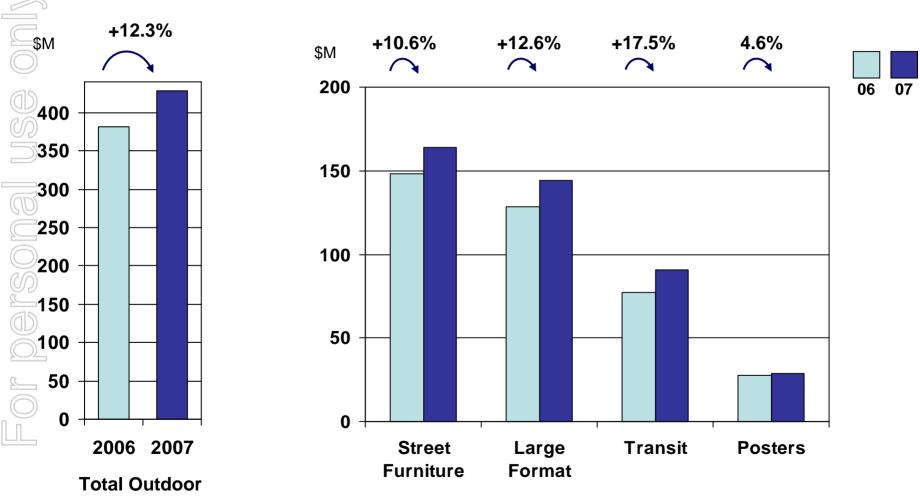


#### Outdoor Revenue by Geography



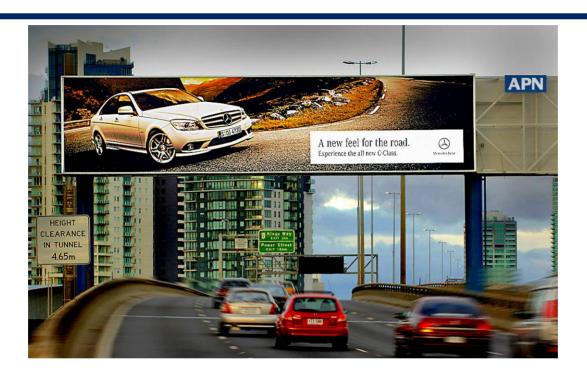
### 2007 Market Growth | Australia

YOY Total Market Growth Rates – Jan to Dec 2007



All Figures are for the Jan to Dec period, showing GMS \$M for the Australian Market

### APN Outdoor – Market leaders



All brands brought under APN Outdoor

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- APN continues as market leader in all major categories
- Transit successfully repositioned with launch of new quality formats, broadening the category base
- Good growth in Large Format Billboard

### **APN Outdoor - Adshel**



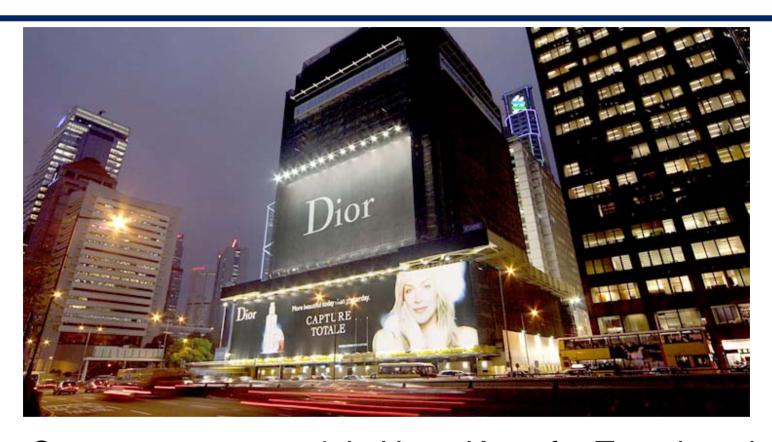




- Adshel extends market leadership in Street Furniture
- Innovative use of digital technology
- Secures Melbourne: largest Street Furniture contract in Australia

### **APN Outdoor - Asia**

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- Strong revenue result in Hong Kong for Transit and Large Format
- Some Olympic benefit expected for 2008
- Good quality markets in Malaysia and Indonesia

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# APN Outdoor – MOVE project





- Planned launch of audience measurement system in H2
- Significant investment in world-leading Outdoor audience measurement
- Benefits to flow from 2009
- All major industry players involved in development

### **APN Outdoor – Innovations**



- Illumination upgrades being rolled out across Australia
- Digital sites for Christchurch Airport contract
- Research well advanced on a number of significant innovations





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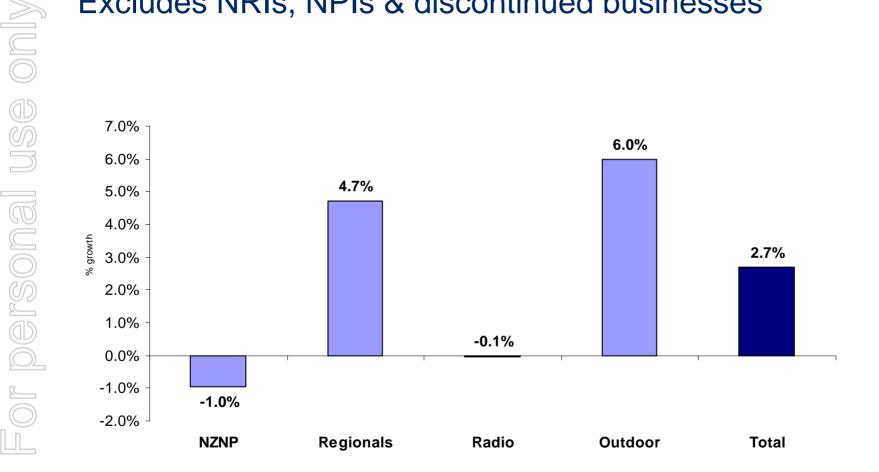
# Finance Agenda

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- Costs
- Cash Flow
- **Debt & Financial Ratios**
- Currency
- **Taxation**
- Capital Management
- **Dividends**

## 2007 Result – Cost analysis

Excludes NRIs, NPIs & discontinued businesses



Note: Constant currency basis

### 2007 Cash Flow

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AUD millions	FY 07	FY 06
Gross operating cash flow exc NRI	320.3	329.9
Payments related to NRI	(27.2)	(20.1)
Net interest paid	(65.8)	(62.6)
Net tax paid	(15.9)	(47.6)
Capital expenditure/investment	(175.3)	(81.8)
Asset sales	29.8	62.7
Dividends – APN shareholders	(152.2)	(117.3)
Minority interests	(37.2)	(38.2)
Share buy-back	(58.5)	(139.6)
Share issues & other	7.3	23.0
Total cash generated	(174.7)	(91.6)

### Free cash flow

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AUD millions	FY 07	FY 06
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Operating cash flow (pre NRI)	320.3	329.9
% of EBITDA	89%	96%
Adjusted for Adshel	91%	97%

- Cash conversion rate impacted by 6% as a result of:
  - Increases in receivables in Outdoor and Australian Publishing \$14m
  - Payout of UBD working capital \$3m and \$5m of cut off adjustments re inventory related creditors and GST

# **Debt**

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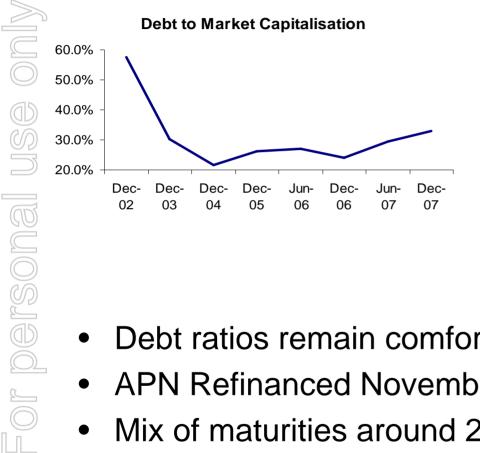
Cash

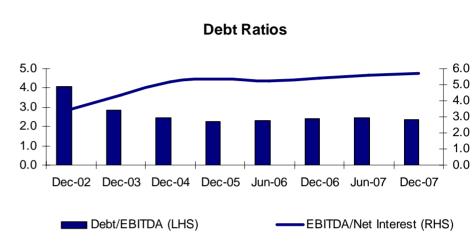
Net Debt

AUD millions
Core debt
Masthead licensing – AUD equiv
Convertible notes

2007		2006		
Senior Debt	inc. notes	Senior Debt	inc. notes	
858	858	597	597	
78	78	152	152	
-	-	-	149	
(89)	(89)	(71)	(71)	
847	847	678	827	

# Financial Strength





- Debt ratios remain comfortable
- **APN Refinanced November 2006**
- Mix of maturities around 2010 and 2012

# Non-recurring items

AUD millions		FY 07
Gain on disposal of businesses & properties		14.5
Business restructure		
• Redundancy	(5.2)	
<ul><li>Duplication of Ad Services</li></ul>	(3.1)	
Duplication of Print Centres	(2.0)	
• Other	<u>(3.6)</u>	(13.9)
Online development and launch costs		
New Zealand Classifieds and Portals	(3.5)	
Australian Classifieds, Local Sites & Investments	<u>(2.9)</u>	(6.4)
Scheme costs		(2.7)
NRI pre tax		(8.5)
Minority interest		(1.7)
Income tax		8.2
NRI after tax		(2.0)

# Currency and Tax

	AUD/NZD		AU	AUD/HKD	
Exchange rates	2007	2006	2007	2006	
June half average	1.125	1.153	6.32	5.76	
Full year average	1.139	1.160	6.55	5.85	
Period end rate	1.141	1.120	6.83	6.14	
Average tax rate (pre NRI)	2006 Full Year 2		20.2%		
ı <u> </u>	2007	Full `	Year 2	20.7%	
<ul> <li>Audit of Masthead</li> </ul>				_	

- Audit of Masthead
- Indemnity regarding Masthead in place as detailed in EM
- 2008 tax rate to remain low with some increase thereafter

# Capital Management

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- Buy back suspended in first half due to scheme proposal
- During H2 11.2m shares bought back for total outlay \$59m
- Total buy back since inception 66.2m shares for \$333m
- Remaining convertible notes all converted or redeemed during the year
- Now that capital is diluted for notes diluted EPS is best measure – up 6% YoY
- Number of shares on issue now 489.1 million

### Dividend

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- Final dividend increased to 21.0 cents per share
- Dividend for year 31.5 cents, up 6.1% on prior year
- Last year final dividend increased for scheme delay
- Payout ratio 91%





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### Outlook

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- Trading year to date is in line with expectations, and revenue and profit are ahead of the prior year in both Australia and New Zealand.
- Given the current turmoil in world markets, the Board believes it is inappropriate to give specific projections at this time. The Board remains of the view that APN's broad range of high quality media assets in diverse geographic markets will, once again, perform well in 2008.





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