

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN

Online book retailer Booktopia Group Limited (ASX: BKG) is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter George as a non-executive Director and Chairman of the Board.

Mr George will replace Chairman Chris Beare, who has formally resigned today after announcing his intention to retire in September.

Mr George is an experienced executive and non-executive Director and public company executive with an extensive background in telecommunications, media and corporate finance.

He is currently Executive Chairman of ASX-listed Retail Food Group Limited (ASX: RFG), a position he has held since 2018. He will retain this position while undertaking duties for Booktopia.

As an executive, he led the restructuring and merger of listed print, media and digital services provider PMP Limited as Managing Director from 2012 to 2017 and was Executive Chairman of Nylex Limited from 2004 to 2008.

He was also a non-executive Director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of Asciano Limited from 2007 to 2016 and spent four years on the Board of Optus.

Mr George said he was looking forward to working with the Board and management of Booktopia as it embarked on a new growth phase.

“Booktopia is an icon of Australian retailing and one of the country’s most successful home-grown e-commerce companies,” he said. “Booktopia’s strong market position and loyal customer base mean it has huge potential for further growth.”

Following the appointment, the Booktopia Board currently comprises Mr George, Booktopia co-founder Tony Nash and Executive Director Steve Traurig. The Board is currently finalising the appointment of two further Non-executive Directors and a new Chief Executive Officer.

Booktopia Director Tony Nash said Mr George’s extensive experience in the retail sector and as a listed company Director made him the ideal choice for Chairman.

“I look forward to working with Peter as we move on from the challenges of the last 12 months and embark on a new period of growth,” he said.

Mr Nash thanked Mr Beare for his many years of service to Booktopia, including guiding the company through its 2020 IPO and listing.

“On behalf of everyone at Booktopia I wish Chris all the best for the future,” he said.

Authorised for lodgment by Peter George, Chairman on behalf of the Board.

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About Booktopia

Booktopia Group is the largest Australian-owned online book retailer by market share. It is an Australian home-grown business having sold items to more than five million customers since establishment, with \$1 billion in sales since its 2004 inception. Since FY2012, Booktopia Group has sold more than 41 million items to its growing customer base. While approximately 90% of the items the Company sold in FY2020 were books, Booktopia Group also sells eBooks, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, maps, calendars, puzzles, stationery and cards. The company was listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) in December 2020 after completing a \$43.1 million capital initial public offering.