

Dear RN staff

I am writing to let you know that Louise Evans has decided she does not wish to continue in the Manager role at Radio National. She has achieved much in a relatively short period of time – developing audience and stakeholder engagement as was evident at the first RN regional community forum, progressing the complex RN co-location project in Sydney, overseeing the 2013 Boyer Lectures to be delivered by the Governor-General throughout November and setting the network up for commissioning the 2014 schedule and implementing the Strategic Plan.

While Louise has emphasised to me how much she has enjoyed her time with RN to date, the Manager's role has not turned out to be one she wants to continue with over time. As such we both think it's best for Louise to step aside now. Louise's time with RN has however further cemented her love of radio and I have asked her to stay on, to work with NewsRadio for a period to assist Manager NewsRadio Helen Thomas to deliver one of the network's key strategic priorities.

With NewsRadio's Evening co-production with Radio Australia ending in December, it's an opportune time to assess the network's current broadcasting partnerships, in terms of Asia/Pacific news coverage. The network can also look for fresh perspectives - broadcasters who might be new to us, but have a specific Asia/Pacific expertise that will enable NewsRadio, and indeed ABC Radio, to best reflect our region. Louise's extensive editorial experience makes her an ideal candidate to take on this project, which she will commence from Monday 11 November.

While consideration is given to recruitment for the RN management role, Michael Mason Group Program Director will step back into the network through to the end of the year.

Regards, Kate