



Media Release

International Association of Accounting Firms Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Tuesday October 30th, 2007. The Australia and New Zealand based **Accru** group of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors has announced that its global network CPA Associates International Inc., is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this month.

CPA Associates International Inc. was founded in 1957 by three firms in the United States to help progress their practices and expand or improve quality of service to clients.

Over the past 50 years, the Network's membership and services have grown steadily, making CPA Associates International one of the leading accounting practice organizations in the world with 151 independent CPA and Chartered Accounting firms and over 285 offices in 70 countries.

"CPA Associates provides a forum for sharing ideas and expertise among members — on a national and international basis. This means that we are able to offer a broader range of services to clients in a larger number of industries and niche specialties", said **Accru** Chairperson Ms. Glenda Nixon.

"As an autonomous member of CPA Associates International, the **Accru** group of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors provides clients with a rare blend of local knowledge and national and global access."

The **Accru** group formerly known as CA Associates Australasia was founded in 1974 by entrepreneurial professionals, Messrs John Westmacott and David McDonald, who operated respective accountancy practices Felser Russell in Sydney and Macintosh Bishop in Melbourne.

Ms. Nixon continued, “**Accru** operates as an innovative group of independently-owned Chartered Accountancy and Business Advisory firms with an unwavering objective to provide clients with the unique benefit of a broad range of industry skills, experience and research available throughout Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia.”

The **Accru** group comprises the following practices in Australia and New Zealand—

Accru Felsers	Sydney
Accru Danby Bland Provan	Melbourne
Accru Rawsons	Brisbane
Accru Page Kirk & Jennings	Perth
Accru Harris Orchard	Adelaide
Accru Steele Burnett & Nelson	Hobart
Accru Smith Chilcott Bertelsen Harry Ltd	Auckland

Accru’s diverse client base extends across a wide range of professions and industries in both the private and public sectors including Government, Retail, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Sport and Recreation, Real Estate and Property Development, Medical and Pharmaceutical, Entertainment, Hospitality and Transport. Specialist advice is provided in all aspects of accounting, audit and assurance, taxation, wealth management and financial planning.

“As a provider of accounting and financial solutions to enterprises and astute individuals, **Accru’s** focus is to present all our clients with exceptional service and advice, delivered in a personalised and professional manner. It is this unwavering dedication to our clients’ business requirements and access to the global resources of CPA Associates International that sets **Accru** apart from other accounting groups,” concluded Ms. Nixon.

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