



**Wesfarmers Limited**

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## BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr Tony Howarth AO today joined the Board of Wesfarmers Limited.

The Chairman of Wesfarmers, Mr Trevor Eastwood AM, said Mr Howarth would be a valuable addition to the Board.

“Tony has more than 30 years experience in the banking and finance industry and his appointment will further strengthen the board’s level of commercial expertise,” said Mr Eastwood.

Mr Howarth has held several senior management positions during his career, including Managing Director of Challenge Bank Limited and CEO of Hartleys Limited.

He is Chairman of Home Building Society Limited and Mermaid Marine Australia Limited and a director of AWB Limited.

Mr Eastwood said that in addition to Mr Howarth’s business achievements he had demonstrated a very strong commitment to community involvement.

“Tony’s membership of the Senate of the University of Western Australia, his pioneering work with the Committee for Perth and as a director of the Western Australian Community Foundation are just a few examples of his willingness to make an active contribution to community-benefiting organisations,” he said.

“Wesfarmers has always placed great importance on these aspects of corporate life and I am sure our company will benefit also from our new director’s experience in this field.”

Mr Howarth’s appointment brings to 11 the number of Wesfarmers directors following the retirement at last year’s Annual General Meeting of Mr Lou Giglia.

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