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JOHN EALES TACKLES NEW ROLE AS FLIGHT CENTRE LIMITED DIRECTOR

JOHN Eales is tackling a new career as a director of one of the world's largest leisure & corporate travel groups.

The world cup winning former Wallaby captain has today joined the Flight Centre Limited (FLT) board as a non-executive director.

The Brisbane-based company's board also includes founder and managing director Graham "Skroo" Turner, non-executive chairman Peter Morahan and non-executive directors Peter Barrow and Gary Smith.

"John is a proven leader and is a highly respected and well-known figure in Australia and in many of our key international markets," Mr Turner said.

"He has a broad range of skills and has established a successful corporate career with a diverse group of businesses during the past decade.

"His experience, knowledge, outstanding people skills and leadership qualities will be great assets to the FLT board and to the company as a whole."

After retiring from rugby in 2001, Mr Eales has served in executive or advisory positions with a number of companies and organisations.

He cofounded the Mettle Group in 2003 - a corporate consultancy which was acquired by Chandler Macleod in 2007 - and currently sits on the GRM International, International Quarterback and Australian Rugby Union boards. He was also a shareholder and

director of QM Technologies in the lead-up to its IPO in 2007 and its subsequent acquisition by Computershare in 2009.

In addition, Mr Eales, 42, is an occasional lecturer at Sydney's University of Notre Dame and continues to consult to other major Australian and international companies.

He is the author of two books, *Learning From Legends Sports* and *Learning From Legends Business*.

"I was initially attracted to Flight Centre by its unique culture and outstanding performance over a sustained period of time," Mr Eales said.

"The business has been a great success story for more than 30 years and has developed a footprint that extends well beyond its foundations as an Australian retail travel agent.

"The company has successfully exported its brands to new geographies and has become one of the world's leading corporate travel managers.

"As evidenced by its recent market announcements, FLT is also strengthening its global leisure travel offerings by creating a world-first blended travel network that combines the key features of both the on and offline models.

"I look forward to working with the board and with FLT's people to play a role in the company's next growth phase."

Mr Eales' appointment is effective immediately and is subject to shareholder approval at FLT's Annual General Meeting in Brisbane on October 30.

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