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ABC TASMANIA NEWSMAN PETER GEE TO RETIRE

Peter Gee has announced his retirement after a distinguished 40-year media career – 38 years of it spent with the ABC.

For 20 years Peter has been a familiar face to Tasmanians as weeknight presenter of the flagship 7pm News. His personal career highlights include calling Kieren Perkins's gold medal swim in the 1500m freestyle at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and hosting the ABC Sports Awards. Peter was on deck in 2006 during the Beaconsfield mine rescue and in 2016 co-hosted the live news special from Port Arthur on the 20th anniversary of the massacre.

His farewell bulletin will be on 3 August, with his successor to be announced in coming weeks.

"After 40 years in the media I think it's time to give the public a rest from my uninvited appearances in their lounge rooms and on their radios," Peter said.

"The fact I've been allowed to go this long tells me I've been doing something right and from that I take great satisfaction. It has been a privilege to have been of service to such a loyal audience and to be held in some sort of regard by them.

"The personal connections I've been able to make with the Tasmanian public have reinforced my belief in the ABC and the special and important place it holds in the life of the nation. I'm now very much looking forward to life away from the microphone and studio camera.

"Thanks for having me."

ABC Director News, Analysis & Investigations Gaven Morris said Peter would be sorely missed.

"The ABC won't be the same without Peter Gee," he said. "He has been a familiar presence in the lives of generations of Tasmanians on both TV and radio, first as a sport broadcaster and then as the state's longest-serving 7pm newsreader.

"He has always been the same off screen as on: warm, engaging and generous with his time in support of community groups and colleagues.

“Everyone at the ABC and I’m sure all Tasmanians wish him the very best for his retirement.”

Peter Gee

Peter Gee has been reading the weeknight news on ABC TV Tasmania since 1998. He can also be heard reading afternoon radio bulletins on Radio Hobart and ABC Northern Tasmania.

Peter began his broadcasting career in commercial radio in country Victoria before joining the ABC in 1980. He spent 18 years in the sports department in Hobart, then in Melbourne.

Peter worked as a commentator, interviewer and presenter on many national sports programs. His commentary highlights include two Olympic Games, two Commonwealth Games, the Athletics World Championships, World Cup Soccer and golf, swimming and basketball.

Peter is a keen cricketer and cyclist and has run several marathons. His love of music often sees him called upon to contribute to ABC Local Radio programs.

He was born and raised in Geelong and is married with two adult children.

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