



The sun rises on a new prime time project for Mel Doyle

Sunrise's Melissa Doyle gives up mornings for night times.

June 20, 2013; Channel Seven today announced that Sunrise co-host Melissa Doyle will depart the program to front a new, prime time Network News initiative.

"I've cherished every moment and every experience on Sunrise," said Mel. "It's with that experience and support from the team that I am able to take this next step. I'm honoured that the Network has given me this incredible new opportunity and I am unbelievably excited about the new challenges ahead."

Melissa will remain with Sunrise for several weeks. From Monday she will take a 2 week planned break before heading to London to cover the Royal birth for the Network after which Mel will return to Brekky Central until the launch of the new program.

Melissa has been the co-host of Sunrise for 14 years – nearly 12 of those alongside David Koch – and has reported on the biggest news stories at home and abroad

This year Mel has travelled overseas on special assignments including Washington, to cover the inauguration of President Obama and to Rome, to cover the election of the new Pope. Additionally Mel has led rolling News coverage of the Queensland floods and other events of national significance.

On-air partner Kochie said: "Mel is a very special person to me and it's been a privilege to work with her and share so many experiences. I can't tell you how thrilled I am for her."

CEO Seven West Media, Tim Worner, said: "Melissa's contribution in establishing Sunrise as Australia's leading breakfast program has been outstanding. During her tenure on Sunrise, she has helped redefine breakfast television. Her professionalism, wonderful warm nature and sharp journalistic skills make her perfectly equipped for the next phase in her career here at Seven."

Samantha Armytage, who has fronted Weekend Sunrise for six years, will be the new co-host of Sunrise.

Details on Melissa's new project for Channel Seven will be released soon.

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