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2015 Australian Insurance Industry Awards winners announced

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) and founding partner Asia Insurance Review are pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Australian Insurance Industry Awards. The winners were honoured at a ceremony in Sydney tonight.

Winners included CGU for Large General Insurance Company of the Year, Marsh as Large Broker of the Year and AIA Australia as Life Insurance Company of the Year.

Actuarial firm Finity was recognised for the fifth time in the Awards' 12-year history, winning the category of Professional Services Firm of the Year. Brooklyn Underwriting was awarded the title of Underwriting Agency of the Year for the fourth consecutive year. The prestigious Innovation of the Year prize was awarded to Allianz Australia for a highly successful return to work program based on behavioural psychology.

Prue Willsford, CEO of ANZIIF, said that the ability of businesses to innovate and transform in challenging times was a credit to the industry.

“This year, there was a particular focus on transformation and innovation, with so many businesses reimagining their role in the industry and how they can transform themselves to best serve their customers. It is this dynamism and ingenuity that will allow Australian insurance to navigate challenging times and thrive well into the future,” she said.

“It is a privilege to be able to celebrate together tonight and no night to be prouder of the talent, dedication and passion that those in this industry have,” she said.

This year's Awards were particularly successful for Insurance Australia Group, IAG and its sub-brands winning three major awards. Mike Wilkins, CEO of IAG was announced Insurance Leader of the Year, being recognised for his role transforming IAG and his long service to the industry; CGU won the Large General Insurance Company of the year Award; and IAG was announced Women's Employer of the Year.

Former JLT head Steve Ball was posthumously honoured with the ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award. Katherine Ashby of BT Financial Group won the inaugural Young Insurance Professional of the Year Award.

The full list of winners is:

Small Broker of the Year

Consult Insurance Solutions Pty Ltd

Medium Broker of the Year

GSA Insurance Brokers

Large Broker of the Year

Marsh

Underwriting Agency of the Year

Brooklyn Underwriting

Small-Medium General Insurance Company of the Year

Hospitality Employers Mutual Limited

Large General Insurance Company of the Year

CGU

Life Insurance Company of the Year

AIA Australia

Innovation of the Year

Allianz Australia

Professional Services Firm of the Year

Finity

Service Provider to the Insurance Industry

recoveriescorp

Women's Employer of the Year

Insurance Australia Group

Youth Development Employer of the Year

BT Financial Group

Young Insurance Professional of the Year

Katherine Ashby – (BT Financial Group)

Insurance Leader of the Year

Mike Wilkins (IAG)

ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award

Steve Ball

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