

# Media release

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## Fresh faces announced among the winners at 2016 Australian Insurance Industry Awards

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) and founding partner the *Asia Insurance Review* are pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Australian Insurance Industry Awards.

Among the winners announced in Sydney tonight were many new faces, including Queensland brokerage Austbrokers Coast to Coast, which took out Small Broking Company of the Year; Adroit Insurance Group, which won Medium Broking Company of the Year; PetSure (Australia) Pty Ltd for Underwriting Agency of the Year; NRMA Insurance for Direct General Insurance Company of the Year; AMP for Life Insurance Company of the Year and Barry.Nilsson., which was recognised as Professional Services Firm of the Year.

'It is wonderful to see so many first-time winners at the Awards as well as the recognition of industry stalwarts, which reflects the breadth and depth of achievement in Australian insurance. What is clear from our winners, and indeed the many finalists and other submissions at this year's Awards, is that the industry is increasingly focused on evolution and adapting to meet the changing needs of customers. This is integral to our growth and success, and so it was very pleasing to see this focus evident in many of the submissions,' said Prue Willsford, CEO, ANZIIF.

Other winners included Gallagher Bassett for Youth Development Employer of the Year; Suncorp for the highly-coveted Innovation of the Year; Aon for Large Broking Company of the Year and AIA Australia for Women's Employer of the Year. Large General Insurance Company of the Year went to Allianz Australia, while the Small-Medium General Insurance Company of the Year was taken out by RAA Insurance. JB Hi-Fi once again took out the Service Provider to the Industry of the Year award.

Among the Awards for individual excellence, Adam Hines of Aether Insurance & Risk Pty Ltd and Emma Doney of YDR Chartered Loss Adjusters, Engineers and Surveyors were announced Young Insurance Professionals of the Year. Annabelle Butler of the Suncorp Group was announced Insurance Leader of the Year and John Trowbridge, who led the review of life insurance in Australia, was recognised with the ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sivam Subramaniam, Editor in Chief of *Asia Insurance Review*, said the Awards recognised outstanding achievement in what was this year a challenging environment.

'With disruptive innovation being the order of the day, the submissions were remarkably outstanding and showed that the industry was not just keeping up but setting new trends too. It is indeed a true privilege to recognise the outstanding winners from this year's Awards. They so richly deserve our whole hearted commendations' said Sivam Subramaniam.

The winners for each category are:

<b>Small Broking Company of the Year</b>	Austbrokers Coast to Coast
<b>Medium Broking Company of the Year</b>	Adroit Insurance Group
<b>Large Broking Company of the Year</b>	Aon
<b>Underwriting Agency of the Year</b>	PetSure (Australia) Pty Ltd
<b>Small-Medium General Insurance Company of the Year</b>	RAA Insurance
<b>Direct General Insurance Company of the Year</b>	NRMA Insurance

<b>Large General Insurance Company of the Year</b>	Allianz Australia Insurance
<b>Life Insurance Company of the Year</b>	AMP
<b>Innovation of the Year</b>	Suncorp
<b>Professional Services Firm of the Year</b>	Barry.Nilsson.
<b>Service Provider to the Industry of the Year</b>	JB Hi-Fi
<b>Women's Employer of the Year</b>	AIA Australia
<b>Youth Development Employer of the Year</b>	Gallagher Bassett
<b>Young Insurance Professional of the Year</b>	<b>Dual Winners</b> Adam Hines, Aether Insurance & Risk Pty Ltd; Emma Doney, YDR Chartered Loss Adjusters, Engineers and Surveyors
<b>Insurance Leader of the Year</b>	Annabelle Butler, Suncorp Group
<b>ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	John Trowbridge

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