

## Media release

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### Winners of the 2017 Australian Insurance Industry Awards announced

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) and the Asia Insurance Review (AIR), are pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 Australian Insurance Industry Awards.

Held at The Star in Sydney and hosted by Australian comedian Peter Rowsthorn, the awards recognise the great achievements of insurance companies and insurance professionals.

The broking and general insurance categories saw some familiar faces take home awards, including Austbrokers Coast to Coast, who won Small Broking Company of the Year; Aon, for Large Insurance Company of the Year; RAA Insurance, for Small-Medium General Insurance Company of the Year; NRMA Insurance, for Direct General Insurance Company of the Year; and Allianz Australia, who won Large General Insurance Company of the Year.

‘With a breadth of the industry represented amongst this year’s winners, it is very pleasing to see that this industry and its people are increasingly focused on the betterment of our industry, our staff and our community through various projects, programs and innovations. While not everyone can be a winner, it’s been great to see this focus evident throughout many submissions for this year’s awards,’ says ANZIIF CEO, Prue Willsford.

Other winners from the night included GSA Insurance Brokers; who took home Medium Broking Company of the Year; CHU Underwriting Agencies Pty Ltd, for Underwriting Agency of the Year; AIA Australia, for Life Insurance Company of the Year; Suncorp’s Cyclone Resilience Benefit, for Innovation of the Year; Barry.Nilsson., for Professional Services Firm of the Year; TAL, for Women’s Employer of the Year; and Allianz Australia’s One Service, which won Insurance Learning Program of the Year.

‘The winners of this year’s awards really speak for the glory of the industry. Insurance still has so much to offer society, and the winners of tonight’s wards must make this pitch and push the standards higher,’ says Asia Insurance Review Editor-in-Chief, Sivam Subramanian.

Among the awards for individual excellence, Kimberley Jonsson of CHU Underwriting Agencies Pty Ltd was announced Young Insurance Professional of the Year, Vivek Bhatia of icare was announced Insurance Leader of the Year and John Lambie, who has been credited with redefining the insurance landscape, was recognised with the ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award.

The winners for each category are listed below:

<b>Service Provider to the Industry of the Year</b>	Gallagher Bassett
<b>Professional Services Firm of the Year</b>	Barry.Nilsson.
<b>Women's Employer of the Year, sponsored by Suncorp</b>	TAL
<b>Insurance Learning Program of the Year, sponsored by Suncorp</b>	Allianz Australia, One Service
<b>Innovation of the Year, sponsored by IAG Australia</b>	Suncorp, Cyclone Resilience Benefit

<b>Small Broking Company of the Year</b> , sponsored by QBE	Austbrokers Coast to Coast
<b>Medium Broking Company of the Year</b> , sponsored by QBE	GSA Insurance Brokers
<b>Large Broking Company of the Year</b> , sponsored by QBE	Aon
<b>Life Insurance Company of the Year</b>	AIA Australia
<b>Underwriting Agency of the Year</b> , sponsored by UAC	CHU Underwriting Agencies Pty Ltd
<b>Direct General Insurance Company of the Year</b>	NRMA Insurance
<b>Small-Medium General Insurance Company of the Year</b> , sponsored by JB HI-FI Solutions	RAA Insurance
<b>Large General Insurance Company of the Year</b> , sponsored by Aon	Allianz Australia
<b>Young Insurance Professional of the Year</b> , sponsored by Guidewire Software	Kimberley Jonsson, CHU Underwriting Agencies Pty Ltd
<b>Insurance Leader of the Year</b> , sponsored by DXC Technology	Vivek Bhatia, icare
<b>ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	John Lamble

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Established in 1884, ANZIIF has more than 15,000 members in over 50 countries. With offices in Australia, New Zealand and China, our mission is to lead, engage and support the industry through education, thought leadership, community initiatives and the promotion of professional standards. Through our activities, we aim to help members to achieve their career and corporate aspirations and to contribute to the success of the insurance and financial services industry.

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