



## Media release

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### Winners of the 2017 New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards announced

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) are pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards. Now in its sixth year,

Now in its sixth year, the Awards were held at SKYCITY Convention Centre in Auckland and hosted by New Zealand newsreader Mike McRoberts. The Awards recognise excellence and achievement by the top performing individuals and businesses from across the industry.

The broking and general insurance categories saw some familiar faces take home awards, including Frank Risk Management, who won Small-Medium Broking Company of the Year; Rothbury Insurance Brokers, for Large Broking Company of the Year; NZI, for Intermediated Insurance Company of the Year and Innovation of the Year; and FMG, who won Direct General Insurance Company of the Year.

The 2017 Awards saw two new categories introduced, with Delta Insurance awarded the inaugural Underwriting Agency of the Year and Rothbury Insurance Brokers taking home the inaugural Insurance Learning Program of the Year.

Other winners from the night included ANZ (including OnePath Life), who took home Women's Employer of the Year; Smith & Smith, for Service Provider to the Insurance Industry of the Year; Cunningham Lindsey, for Professional Services Firm of the Year; Fidelity Life, for Life Insurance Company of the Year and Gallagher Bassett, who won Young Insurance Professionals Employer of the Year.

'Not only do these awards provide us the opportunity to come together and celebrate our achievements over the last year, they are also an opportunity to celebrate the industry, its people, our staff and our community that have worked hard to achieve the various projects, programs and innovations we have seen delivered this year,' says ANZIIF Chief Executive Office, Prue Willsford.

This year we saw two outstanding industry professionals awarded the ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award, Max Marsh from Crombie Lockwood for nurturing young talent and contribution to the industry, and Karl Armstrong from IAG for his advocacy and contribution to the industry as well as his commitment to mentoring and developing young professionals.

Among the remaining awards for individual excellence, Tony Seto of Willis Towers Watson was announced Young Insurance Professional of the Year; Kim Matthews of Rothbury Insurance Brokers was announced Broking Professional of the Year and Peter Harris of CBL Corporation who was recently awarded the EY Entrepreneur of the Year, was awarded Insurance Leader of the Year.

The winner's for each category are listed below:

<b>Service Provider to the Industry of the Year</b>	Smith & Smith
<b>Professional Services Firm of the Year</b>	Cunningham Lindsey
<b>Women's Employer of the Year</b> , sponsored by Fidelity Life	ANZ (including OnePath Life)

<b>Young Insurance Professionals Employer of the Year</b>	Gallagher Bassett
<b>Insurance Learning Program of the Year</b>	Rothbury Insurance Brokers
<b>Innovation of the Year</b>	NZI for implementation of the Guardian System into their fleet
<b>Small – Medium Broking Company of the Year</b>	Frank Risk Management
<b>Large Broking Company of the Year, sponsored by NZI</b>	Rothbury Insurance Brokers
<b>Life Insurance Company of the Year</b>	Fidelity Life
<b>Underwriting Agency of the Year</b>	Delta Insurance
<b>Intermediated Insurance Company of the Year</b>	NZI
<b>Direct General Insurance Company of the Year, sponsored by JB Hi-Fi NZ</b>	FMG
<b>Young Insurance Professional of the Year</b>	Tony Seto, Willis Towers Watson
<b>Broking Professional of the Year, sponsored by Vero New Zealand</b>	Kim Matthews, Rothbury Insurance Brokers
<b>Insurance Leader of the Year, sponsored by DLA Piper New Zealand</b>	Peter Harris, CBL Insurance
<b>ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Awards, sponsored by Asteron Life</b>	Max Marsh, Crombie Lockwood and Karl Armstrong, IAG

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Established in 1884, ANZIIF has more than 14,000 members in over 50 countries. With offices in Australia, New Zealand and China, ANZIIF works to promote and support lifelong learning through education, thought leadership, professional development events and ANZIIF's publication, *The Journal*.

Through our activities, we aim to help members achieve their career and corporate aspirations and to contribute to the success of the insurance and financial services industries.

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