



# Media release

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## ANZIIF appoints Suncorp Group executive Catherine Dixon to Board

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) today announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that Catherine Dixon, Executive General Manager, People Experience at Suncorp New Zealand has been appointed to the Board.

With more than 25 years' experience in insurance and human resources, Catherine brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge that will undoubtedly prove instrumental in ANZIIF's future success.

'Catherine's significant leadership and insurance experience as well as her passion for people and professional development made her a compelling appointee and we are excited she will be joining the ANZIIF Board,' says Allan Reynolds, ANZIIF President and Steadfast Executive General Manager, Asia, NZ & Direct.

ANZIIF also announced the retiring of two Board members, Suncorp's Executive Manager, Customer Culture, Callan McDonnell and Guy Carpenter Vice Chairman, Paul Allison.

'On behalf of the Board and the team at ANZIIF, we would like to thank both Callan and Paul for their support, commitment and invaluable contribution to ANZIIF. Their wealth of experience, continued dedication, input and knowledge sharing during their time on the Board has been greatly appreciated,' says Prue Willsford, Chief Executive Officer at ANZIIF.

### 2018 ANZIIF Board

Allan Reynolds (President)	Executive General Manager, Asia, NZ & Direct	Steadfast
Megan Beer (Deputy President)	Group Executive, Insurance	AMP
Karl Armstrong (Immediate Past President)	Executive General Manager, Risk & Underwriting	IAG New Zealand Limited
Andrew Bart	Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific	Crawford and Company Australia Pty Ltd
Tim Considine	Managing Director	Austbrokers Countrywide
Catherine Dixon	Executive General Manager, People Experience	Suncorp New Zealand
Daniel Fogarty	Chief Executive Office & Founder	Evri

Jonathan Fox	Executive General Manager, Claims	QBE Insurance Australia & New Zealand
Chun Ming (Tony) Lee	Principal	Marsh and Mercer Marsh Benefits
Paul Munton	Executive General Manager, Broking Branches	Rothbury Insurance Brokers
Tim Plant	Group Executive, Insurance for NSW	icare
Donna Walker	Chief Innovation Officer	Allianz
Prue Willsford	Chief Executive Officer	ANZIIF

ANZIIF CEO Prue Willsford and President Allan Reynolds also recognised several award winners and members for their contribution to ANZIIF and the insurance industry.

Kerrie Challenor, General Manager People and Capability at NTI, was recognised with Honorary Membership for her extraordinary service to the insurance industry. Kerrie's strong commitment to professional development is reflected in her many industry contributions including her time spent on the ANZIIF Board from 2004 to 2012, Chair of the Academic Council from 2006 to 2008, founding member of the ANZIIF Womens' Council and judge of the Australian Insurance Industry Awards.

Kerrie's dedication to the industry and her determination to promote engagement, the exchange of knowledge and expertise between women across the industry in pursuit of professional excellence and a strong, healthy business environment has, and continues to be exceptional.

The annual ANZIIF Service Award was presented to ANZIIF Senior Associate Andrew Allison. Currently the General Manager, Reinsurance at Allianz, Andrew has been a dedicated member of ANZIIF for more than 15 years. Having served as Chair on numerous committees including the Reinsurance Study Course, Reinsurance Faculty, Reinsurance Rendezvous and the ANZIIF Journal Committee, Andrew has been instrumental in the professional development of reinsurance professionals across the Asia-Pacific.

For the last 10 years Andrew has led the Reinsurance Study Course, and during that time, he was instrumental in establishing the course in Singapore in conjunction with the Singapore College of Insurance in 2016. Having recently stepped down as Chair of the Reinsurance Study Course, Andrew continues to volunteer his time mentoring the incoming Chair to ensure the courses continued success.

The E.E. Vines Memorial Prize, awarded to the ANZIIF member who authored the most meritorious paper published in *the Journal*, ANZIIF's quarterly publication, was presented to ANZIIF Allied members Charles Simon and Richard Johnson from Wotton + Kearney for their paper titled '*Concussion in Sport: Insurers Be Alert Not Alarmed*' which was published in Journal Vol. 40 No. 3.

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Established in 1884, ANZIIF has more than 16,000 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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