



# Media release

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## **ANZIIF ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT, DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS AT 2019 AGM**

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) today announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that Megan Beer, CEO of AMP Life and Head of Resolution Life Australasia will take over the position of ANZIIF President effective immediately. Tim Plant, CEO General Insurance Australia and New Zealand Zurich Financial Services Australasia Limited will take the role of Deputy President.

Megan has held the position of Deputy President since 2017 and accepted the Presidency when Allan Reynolds stepped down at the end of his two-year term.

'I am honoured to lead ANZIIF and serve as President. I am excited for the year ahead, and to continue the great momentum made by Allan, Prue and her team in 2018.' Said Megan Beer.

Prue Willsford, ANZIIF CEO also paid tribute to Allan Reynolds, 'I'd like to thank Allan for his full commitment and dedication during his time as ANZIIF President. He has been an incredible asset to the board and has significantly contributed to ANZIIF's vision and strategy for the future.'

ANZIIF Past President Karl Armstrong was also congratulated for his incredible leadership and long-term contribution to ANZIIF. He officially retired from the ANZIIF board at the 2019 AGM. Karl has been influential to ANZIIF, sharing his knowledge and experience that spans over 47 years. He was notably awarded the ANZIIF Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

ANZIIF also welcomed new members to the ANZIIF board. Simone Dossetor, Chief Operating Officer for Munich Re in Australasia, Ben Bessell, EGM Business Distribution for IAG and Fiona Hayes-St Clair, Chief Strategy Office for QBE Insurance Australia/New Zealand.

'We are pleased to welcome Simone, Ben and Fiona, all of whom have distinguished careers, to the ANZIIF Board,' said Prue Willsford.

'They all bring a wealth of experience and will be a great benefit for ANZIIF and the insurance industry,' added Willsford.

## 2019 ANZIIF Board

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| Megan Beer (President)                    | CEO of AMP Life and Head of Resolution Life Australasia | AMP / Resolution Life                         |
| Tim Plant (Deputy President)              | CEO General Insurance AUS / NZ                          | Zurich Financial Services Australasia Limited |
| Allan Reynolds (Immediate Past President) | EGM Asia, New Zealand and Direct                        | Steadfast                                     |
| Tim Considine                             | Managing Director                                       | Austbrokers Countrywide                       |
| Catherine Dixon                           | Executive General Manager, People Experience            | Suncorp Group New Zealand                     |
| Daniel Fogarty                            | Chief Executive Office & Founder                        | Evri  |
| Chun Ming (Tony) Lee                      | Chief Business Officer                                  | Marsh and Mercer Marsh Benefits               |
| Paul Munton                               | Executive General Manager, Broking Branches             | Rothbury Insurance Brokers                    |
| Donna Walker                              | Chief Technical Officer                                 | Allianz                                       |
| Simone Dossetor                           | Chief Operating Officer                                 | Munich Re Australasia                         |
| Ben Bessell                               | EGM Business Distribution                               | IAG   |
| Fiona Hayes-St Clair                      | Chief Strategy Officer                                  | QBE Insurance Australia & NZ                  |
| 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.

Jonathan Seth, Head of JLT Australia's Public Sector operations in Western Australia, was recognised with Honorary Membership for his long-term contribution, service, and proactive influence to the insurance industry.

Jonathan has been an active member of ANZIIF for many years. He has led and been a part of various Councils and Committees including the WA Branch Executive Committee, the IPC Council, the Academic Council, the Insurance Broking Faculty Advisory Board and was a Director on the ANZIIF Board for four years, retiring in 2012.

His dedication to professionalism, and providing expertise and structure to ANZIIF's educational programs has been extraordinary.

The annual ANZIIF Service Award was presented to ANZIIF Fellow Simon Swanson. Simon is currently the Managing Director for ClearView and has over 30 years' experience across life insurance, funds management, general insurance and health insurance. He has successfully led the largest life insurer (CommInsure, Sovereign and Colonial) in three countries and spent half of his career in the Asia Pacific region. Simon was instrumental in buying Bupa Australia's life insurance and wealth management businesses and transforming them into the integrated life insurer and wealth manager that ClearView is today.



Simon has been an active member of ANZIIF including the role of Chair of the Life, Health and Retirement Income Faculty Advisory Board. He was also a member of Industry Advisory Council for Life Insurance and has sat on many ANZIIF event committees.

Simon's dedicated advocacy for the continuing education of industry members is outstanding and he has worked tirelessly with ANZIIF over many years sharing his knowledge and expertise.

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#### **ABOUT ANZIIF**

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) is the leading membership body and provider of education, training and professional development services to the insurance industry in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region.

Established in 1884, ANZIIF has more than 18,000 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. Visit [anziif.com](http://anziif.com) for more information