

# Media release

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## ZURICH CEO TIM PLANT ANNOUNCED AS NEW ANZIIF PRESIDENT AT AGM

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) today announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that Tim Plant, CEO General Insurance (Australia & New Zealand), Zurich Australia will take over the position of ANZIIF President effective immediately. Ben Bessell, Chief Broking Officer, Austbrokers will take the role as Deputy President.

Tim has held the position of Deputy President since 2019 and accepted the Presidency when Megan Beer stepped down at the end of her two-year term.

“I am proud and honoured to be elected President of ANZIIF, an organisation that I have been a part of for many years,” said Tim Plant CEO General Insurance, Zurich Australia. “ANZIIF has played a major role in uplifting the professional standards of the insurance industry in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. I am excited to lead as President and help ANZIIF achieve its vision and strategic goals.”

ANZIIF Chief Executive Officer Prue Willsford paid tribute to Megan Beer. “Megan has been influential in leading the launch of the first ever Professional Standards Framework for the life sector. She is the first female president of ANZIIF and has been a strong advocate for women in leadership roles. Thank you for helping ANZIIF achieve its goals during your two-year term as President.”

ANZIIF Past President Allan Reynolds retired from the ANZIIF Board at the AGM.

“We have been very fortunate to have had Allan on the ANZIIF Board since 2015. ANZIIF and the entire team have greatly benefited from Allan’s advice, knowledge, and 40 years of industry experience.

Willsford acknowledged and thanked Tony Lee and Daniel Fogarty for their dedicated service to ANZIIF - both members retired from the ANZIIF Board at the AGM.

### [2021 ANZIIF Board](#)

Tim Plant (President)	CEO General Insurance AUS / NZ	Zurich Financial Services Australasia Limited
Ben Bessell (Deputy President)	Chief Broking Officer	Austbrokers
Megan Beer (Immediate Past President)	Group Executive, Insurance	CEO Australasia, Resolution Life
Diego Ascani	Chief Executive Officer	Australia, Sedgwick
Tim Considine	Managing Director	Austbrokers Countrywide

Catherine Dixon	Executive General Manager, People Experience	Suncorp Group New Zealand
Simone Dossetor	Chief Operating Officer	Munich Re Australasia
Fiona Hayes-St Clair	Chief Strategy Officer	QBE Insurance Australia / New Zealand
John Lyon	Chief Executive Officer	Ando Insurance
Damien Mu	Chief Executive Officer	AIA Australia
Prue Willsford	Chief Executive Officer	ANZIIF

ANZIIF CEO Prue Willsford and Immediate Past President Megan Beer recognised several award winners for their contribution to ANZIIF and the insurance industry.

ANZIIF (Senior Associate) David McKinnis was awarded Honorary Life Membership for his long-term contribution, service, and proactive influence on the insurance industry. The annual ANZIIF Service Award was presented to ANZIIF Fellow Noel Donovan for his many years of work at ANZIIF to help lift professional standards through education and training. The E.E Vines Prize for 2020 was awarded to ANZIIF (Fellow) Honorary Life John Dawson for his Journal article What is the difference between conduct risk, risk culture and organisational culture?

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