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Australia and New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards finalists announced

The Australia and New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards Judging Panel is excited to announce the finalists for the 2010 awards.

The Awards, now in their seventh year, have been highly successful in celebrating excellence and achievement within the industry by showcasing the best performers in the Australian and New Zealand markets across the spectrum of insurance and risk.

Joan Fitzpatrick, ANZIIF CEO and Chair of the Judging Panel says the success of the Awards is due to the active involvement of the whole industry.

“The standard of the nominations this year has been very high and it is pleasing to see how much the industry has embraced the importance of this type of recognition, with a record number of entries received,” Fitzpatrick said.

“The judging task was intensive and the wealth of experience, knowledge and considered thought that our panel of judges brought to the process was exemplary. Having assessed each written submission across each criterion for the category and scored them, the judges then met for a day to discuss and evaluate again the top scoring candidates before lodging a silent vote with the auditors. The process is very robust. Announcing the finalists today and acknowledging their achievement is an important step in recognising the impressive field,” she said.

Only those submissions that were deemed to be of a suitable standard have been included in the list of finalists.

“Being judged a finalist in your category is an outstanding achievement in itself and something to be very proud of. The competition in each category was very strong and standards were high,” she said.

The winner in each category will be announced at the Insurance Industry Awards Gala at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre’s Parkside Ballroom, Thursday 12 August. Television and radio personality, Adam Spencer, will emcee the Gala dinner and the Awards will be presented by the Institute and founding event partner Asia Insurance Review (AIR).

The finalists for the 2010 Australia and New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards are:

General Insurance Company of the Year

Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd
QBE
Suncorp

Innovation of the Year

CFA
Crawford & Company
LMI Group

Insurance Leader of the Year

Roger Bell - Chief Executive, Vero New Zealand

Chris Townsend - Chief Executive Officer, Chartis

Michael Wilkins - Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Australia Group (IAG)

Large Broker of the Year

Aon

Marsh

OAMPS

Law Firm/Practitioner of the Year

HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

Minter Ellison

Moray and Agnew

Life Insurance Company of the Year

CommInsure

MLC

Westpac Life Services Limited

Loss Adjuster of the Year

Crawford & Company

Cunningham Lindsey

Stream New Zealand

Reinsurance Company of the Year

Munich Re

RGA

Swiss Re

General Reinsurance

Risk Manager/Team of the Year

CFA

Guild Insurance Limited

Wesfield Group

Service Provider to the Insurance Industry

Crawford & Company

Finity Consulting Pty Limited

Recoveries Corporation Group Limited

LMI Group

Services to the Community Award

AMI Insurance Limited

State Insurance

Territory Insurance Office

Small – Medium Broker of the Year

Australian Reliance Pty Ltd

IBL Limited

SBA

Treasurer's Award for Good Governance and Practice

Marsh

Zurich

Underwriting Agency of the Year

Brooklyn Underwriting

Global Transport & Automotive Insurance

Sportscover

This Gala dinner brings together all sectors of the insurance industry and celebrates their professional excellence and achievements during the past year and acknowledges the insurance industry's ongoing commitment to recognising dedication to best practice and the highest standards of professionalism.

Tables for this year's awards night are going fast with a capacity crowd expected to attend. Those who haven't yet booked their place are urged to book now to avoid disappointment. Bookings can be made via the Institute website: www.theinstitute.com.au

Sponsors for the 2010 Australia and New Zealand Industry Awards include AON, Gen Re LifeHealth, Lloyd's, Marsh, QBE, SSP (Australia) and Wesfarmers Insurance.

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