

# Media release

## THE WAIT IS OVER | FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) is delighted to announce the finalists of the New Zealand Insurance Industry Awards 2021.

Now in its 9th year, the industry's night of nights celebrates the accomplishments of individuals and companies who all share a common pursuit for excellence and exceptional dedication to the New Zealand insurance industry.

"Congratulations to this year's finalists for displaying excellence and incredible professionalism in what was a challenging year," says Prue Willsford, ANZIIF Chief Executive Officer.

"Thanks also to our diverse judging panel that have given their time to assess the submissions and to our great partners and sponsors, who continue to support the leading celebration of excellence across our whole industry and help make this year's event possible."

"The awards will celebrate the year that was, the incredible achievements from individuals and companies, and their contribution to raising the standard of professionalism for the insurance and financial services industry."

## EVENT DETAILS

**Date:** Wednesday 17 November  
**Venue:** Cordis Hotel, Auckland  
**Dress Code:** Black tie

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## 2021 FINALISTS

**LARGE BROKING COMPANY OF THE YEAR** • Announced on the night

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**UNDERWRITING AGENCY OF THE YEAR**

- Announced on the night
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**GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by:*

- AA Insurance
  - AIG New Zealand
  - FMG (Farmers Mutual Group)
  - Vero
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**LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE YEAR**

- AIA New Zealand
  - Asteron Life
  - Fidelity Life
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**INNOVATION OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by:*

- Gallagher Bassett
  - Pinnacle Life
  - Tower
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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FIRM OF THE YEAR**

- DLA Piper
  - Finity
  - McLarens
  - RMS
  - Sedgwick New Zealand
  - Wotton + Kearney
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**SERVICE PROVIDER TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY**

- CoreLogic NZ
  - IVAA
  - JB Hi-Fi
  - Smith&Smith®
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**EXCELLENCE IN WORKPLACE DIVERSITY  
AND INCLUSION**

*Sponsored by:*

- DLA Piper
  - Suncorp New Zealand
  - Zurich General Insurance, Australia & New Zealand
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**INSURANCE LEARNING PROGRAM OF THE  
YEAR**

- AA Insurance
  - AIG New Zealand
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**YOUNG INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL OF  
THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by:*

- Stephen Cantwell, FMG
  - Amy Cavanaugh, Pinnacle Life
  - Len Elikhis, AIA New Zealand
  - Joseph Fitzgerald, Wotton + Kearney
  - Steph Kelly, FMG
  - Daniel Mathieson, Sherpa
  - Megan Wolak, Delta Insurance
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**BROKING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

- Announced on the night
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**INSURANCE LEADER OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by:*

- Announced on the night
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**ANZIIF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

- Announced on the night
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