

# Media Release

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## **ANZIIF bets on the future with inaugural Insurtech Conference**

The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) is excited to announce its first insurtech conference to be held in Sydney on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

Dolton House in Sydney's Hyde Park will be the setting of a one-day conference exploring disruptive technology and collaborative innovation for the insurance industry. The first conference of its kind in Australia, the burgeoning insurtech sector will join forces with the insurance industry to engage in frank and honest conversations about the future of insurance.

"The program has been specifically designed to ensure relevance to both insurers and tech startups," said ANZIIF CEO Prue Willsford. "To truly understand what digital disruption means to the industry we need everyone in the room."

"Unlike other conferences, this event will allow real conversations to happen around the topic of insurtech and what it means for traditional insurance at every point of the value chain," Willsford said.

The program, which will be emceed by well-known industry professional Daniel Fogarty, features a global array of thought leaders in the insurtech space, such as George Kesselman, CEO and founder of Insurtech Asia, Stone & Chalk's Alex Scandurra and KPMG's Martin Blake. On the insurtech side, startups already disrupting the space such as Trov and Friendsurance will speak alongside Sureify, Prince Insure, Cover Genius and Flamingo. Insurance industry leaders investing in innovative technology from Suncorp, Aon Risk Solutions and IAG will join APRA and ASIC in discussing what insurtech means in the Australian landscape. A full list of the day's speakers is available in the conference program.

ANZIIF's Digital Insights Manager, Dr Amy Gibbs, said that the event would be the start of a national conversation.

"The world is watching Australia when it comes to insurtech. With our technological expertise and strong insurance market, we're positioned to be leaders in the area. But so far, the industry has been unwilling to have public conversations about what the rise of insurtech means."

"Insurtech presents an exciting and challenging future for the insurance industry, from distribution to the back-office, and only by being part of its development can we ensure the best outcomes for all involved."

Topics to be explored include Australian insurtech in a global context, how insurtech can improve and influence traditional insurance, how and why insurers should partner with and learn from insurtech startups, whether innovation can happen in a heavily regulated market and what the future of insurance might look like.

The day is sponsored by KPMG, Suncorp and DLA Piper and will end with networking drinks and an insurtech Pitchfest presented by Stone & Chalk and the InsurTech Sydney Meetup Group where startups will present solutions to problem statements identified by Australia's top insurers.

Registrations are open via the ANZIIF website at [www.anziif.com/insurtech](http://www.anziif.com/insurtech), with special reduced pricing available for startups.

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