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NIBA welcomes new Board members

The Board of the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) welcomes the appointment of new Board members Heather Peirano from Piranha Insurance Brokers, and Mike Hutchinson of Marsh.

Ms Peirano takes over from Peter Roberts who resigned from the Board late last year. Heather is the Director representing NIBA's Queensland Division. And Mr Hutchinson replaces David Duffield as the Marsh representative on the Board. Mr Duffield has retired from the Board to take up the role of industry representative on the Insurance Broking Code Compliance Committee.

NIBA President Tim Wedlock says: "Welcome to Heather and Mike who I know will be great additions to the NIBA Board.

"Heather is very highly regarded across Queensland, and in the industry generally.

"Mike has had great experience at Marsh, and will have a lot to contribute to the NIBA Board in the coming years.

"I'm really looking forward to working with Heather and Mike, as they are passionate about our industry and will help promote NIBA as being the voice for our broking partners around Australia.

"I would also like to thank Peter Roberts for his contributions to the NIBA Board on behalf of our Queensland members. I would like to pay particular tribute to David Duffield, who has served NIBA for many years, including as a Past President, Convention Chair and also as Chair of the NIBA Board's Finance Committee.

"We are very grateful for Peter and David's contributions while on the NIBA Board."

NIBA CEO Dallas Booth adds that Ms Peirano and Mr Hutchinson will continue NIBA's ability to work closely with Queensland members and one of our largest members. "I am grateful Heather and Mike have offered to make the time available to assist NIBA's important work representing members' interests to governments and other stakeholders."

Ms Peirano is Director of Piranha Insurance Brokers which she started with her husband, Peter Peirano, back in 1989. Piranha Insurance Brokers is a family-owned brokerage in Rockhampton with a specialty in motorsport insurance.



She says she is keen to join the Board: "I believe NIBA is an important vehicle for change ... and I look forward to working with the other board members to create good outcomes for both the industry and its customers."

Mr Hutchinson was recently appointed Chief Client Officer Australia at Marsh. With more than 40 years' service, he is also a Managing Director at Marsh, and his previous roles have included National Practice Leader Real Estate and Financial Institutions, General Manager Client Retention, and Business Development Director.

"NIBA is a tremendous organisation, representing the insurance broking profession to government, business and the community," Mr Hutchinson says. "I'm enthusiastic about joining the board and looking forward to making a positive contribution."

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About NIBA

NIBA is an independent industry association representing approximately 320 firms and more than 3500 individual intermediaries, who handle almost 90 per cent of the commercial insurance transacted in Australia. Brokers play a major role in insurance distribution, handling \$18 billion in premiums annually and placing around half of Australia's total insurance business.