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## All Aussie final for “pinnacle” in Australasian Auctioneering

Today’s final of the 2019 Australasian Real Estate Institutes’ Auctioneering Championships is an all Australian affair after competitors representing New Zealand failed to make the cut.

The Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV) and the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania are playing hosts this year and the five finalists who will compete from 1.30pm today (24 October) at Federation Square are: Justin Nickerson of Queensland, Jenna Dunley, ACT, Victoria’s Luke Banitsiotis and Leon Axford and Clarence White from New South Wales.

Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) President Adrian Kelly said he was excited to see an all Australian final after Kiwi, Andrew North took out the championships last year.

“Competition is tough and an extreme test of the auctioneers’ skill, technical knowledge and ability highlighting the best the industry has to offer.

“Devised bidding processes test the Auctioneers’ aptitude, attention and ability to think on their feet and to be successful, competitors have to deal with a wide range of testing questions and unpredictable bids. Combining skill, professionalism and technical knowledge, the candidates are highly accomplished, high-energy performers,” he said.

The five finalists will be given details and a tour of a property to be ‘mock-sold’ in the auctions to decide the winner of the highly prestigious title of the Australasian Real Estate Institutes’ Auctioneering Champion for 2019.

Open to the public, the Australasian Real Estate Institutes’ Auctioneering Championships host 22 auctions over two days. The event is also being streamed on event partner Anywhere Auctions from 1.30pm to 3.30pm AEDT at the following links:

Finalist 1 - Justin Nickerson - QLD	<a href="https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=415">https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=415</a>
Finalist 2 - Jenna Dunley - ACT	<a href="https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=416">https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=416</a>
Finalist 3 - Luke Banitsiotis - VIC	<a href="https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=417">https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=417</a>
Finalist 4 - Leon Axford - NSW	<a href="https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=418">https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=418</a>
Finalist 5 - Clarence White - NSW	<a href="https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=419">https://anywhereauctions.com.au/app/property?propertyId=419</a>

The winner to be crowned Australasia’s best auctioneer at the REIV Awards dinner to be held tonight in the Palladium Ballroom, Crown Towers Melbourne.

**The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) is the national professional association for real estate agents in Australia. For further information, to attend the event or to interview REIA President Adrian Kelly please contact Helen Hull at [media@reia.com.au](mailto:media@reia.com.au) or 0419 642 961. IMAGES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.**