

Media release

The heat is on at the Australasian Auctioneering Championships (AUSTROS) 2023

Leading property auctioneers, from across Australasia, have descended on Auckland New Zealand to compete at this Trans-Tasman event to battle for the right to call themselves the ultimate Australasian Auctioneering Champion.

REINZ Chief Executive Jen Baird said, “This year, REINZ is thrilled to be hosting the AUSTROS. The event will be taking place over three days starting today.”

Baird went on to say, “Auctioneering has become fundamental part of the real estate process on both sides of the Tasman. In the theatre of the auction room or onsite. Auctioneers make this sale process look simple, but it’s complex and fast moving, and auctioneering skills at the level on show in Auckland this week take years to hone. We are excited to host what we reckon are the best auctioneers on the planet.”

The AUSTROS is an annual event celebrating the best auctioneers in Australia and New Zealand. Conducted jointly by the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) and the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), the Championships have become the most prestigious event on the Australasian Auctioneering calendar.

REINZ and the Real Estate Institutes for each Australian state and territory, arrange and hold their own competition to find their best two auctioneers. These auctioneers then go in to compete in the AUSTROS. Hosting of the competition is rotated around the different Australian states and territories, with New Zealand hosting the event once every four years.

2023 AUSTROS Competition Schedule and Venues

<p>Competition Welcome & Draw</p> <p>Sunday 17 September 2023 REINZ, 155 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand 5:30pm – 7:30pm</p>	<p>Competition</p> <p>FINALS – FREE TO ALL SPECTATORS</p> <p>Tuesday 19 September 2023 Q Theatre, 305 Queen St, Auckland, New Zealand 1:00pm doors open</p>
<p>Competition</p> <p>HEATS – FREE TO ALL SPECTATORS</p> <p>Monday 18 September 2023 Q Theatre, 305 Queen St, Auckland, New Zealand 10:15am doors open.</p> <p>First competitors begin at 11:30am</p> <p>Cash Bar 5:00pm – 6:00pm</p> <p>Finalist announcement at 6:00pm</p>	<p>Gala Dinner & Awards Night</p> <p>Tuesday 19 September 2023 Q Theatre, 305 Queen St, Auckland, New Zealand 7:00pm start</p> <p>Cash bar reception from 6:00pm</p> <p>Awards Dinner 7:00pm</p>

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The competition welcome and draw took place today and the draw order for tomorrow's HEAT has been decided. The order is as follows:

1. Mark MacCabe from Apollo in Queensland, Australia
2. Robbie Smith from Ray White in South Australia, Australia
3. Stuart Ritchie from McGrath Estate in New South Wales, Australia
4. Greg Brydon from Ray White in Victoria, Australia
5. Alec Brown from Ray White Canberra in Australian Capital territory, Australia
6. Mark McGoldrick from Harcourts South Island in Christchurch, New Zealand
7. Greg Allan from Apollo in Queensland, Australia
8. Prash Nayar from Perth Realty Group in Western Australia, Australia
9. Clarence White from Menck White Auctioneers in New South Wales, Australia
10. Richard Kerr from Apollo Auctions in Western Australia, Australia
11. Luke Banitsiotis from Woodards in Victoria, Australia
12. Sandra Masters from Gavel Masters in Australia Capital Territory, Australia
13. Ned Allison from Grenadier Real Estate Ltd in Christchurch, New Zealand
14. Bronte Manuel from Toop & Toop in South Australia, Australia

For more information about the event visit <https://auctionchampionships.com.au/>

To view the Championship via Livestream from Monday, visit <https://auctionchampionships.com.au/watch-live/>

We're looking forward to what is sure to be a thrilling event ahead.

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About REINZ

The Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ) is a membership organisation supporting over 17,000 real estate professionals across New Zealand, who work in all areas of real estate – residential and rural sales, auctioneers, business brokers, commercial and industrial sales, leasing and residential property managers. For more information, visit <https://www.reinz.co.nz/>

About REIA

The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) is the professional body for Australia's real estate sector. Established in 1924, the REIA is a national advocate for the Australian real estate industry, representing Australia's real estate professionals on a wide range of important issues affecting Australia's property market. The REIA represents over 46,000 Australian businesses, who employ over 130,000 Australians. For more information, visit www.reia.com.au