

Media release

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Here are the Final Five for the Australasian Auctioneering Championships (AUSTROS) 2023

Today, fourteen elite auctioneers battled it out in front of the judges during the HEATS. Each contestant gave it their all, showcasing true auctioneering excellence. The decision was tough, but in the end, the judges locked in their choices. Congratulations to the five finalists:

1. Clarence White from Menck White Auctioneers in New South Wales, Australia
2. Alec Brown from Ray White Canberra in Australian Capital territory, Australia
3. Mark McGoldrick from Harcourts South Island in Christchurch, New Zealand
4. Ned Allison from Grenadier Real Estate Ltd in Christchurch, New Zealand
5. Luke Banitsiotis from Woodards in Victoria, Australia

Tomorrow, the finalists will battle head-to-head to see who is the ultimate Australasian Champion.

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>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>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>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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REINZ Chief Executive Jen Baird said, “The Heats today were electrifying. The fourteen contestants really showed their auctioneering excellence to the judges and gave it their all. The judges had a tough time choosing the finalists, but in the end the decision has to be made and their choices have been locked in. Congratulations to our finalists and all the best for the finals tomorrow.”

Baird went on to say, “Property auctioneers are an important pillar in the real estate process. The AUSTROS is our way of honouring their hard work and celebrating their significant contribution to the industry.”

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The AUSTROS is an annual event celebrating the most skilled and professional 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.

This year, REINZ is thrilled to be hosting the AUSTROS at Q Theatre in Auckland, New Zealand.

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/>

Who will take home the crown? We look forward to finding out.

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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