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The Top Five Finalists Announced at the Australasian Auctioneering Championships (AUSTROS) 2024

Yesterday, 13 elite auctioneers battled it out in front of the judges during the first round of 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:

- 2.05 pm Alec Brown
- 2.30 pm Bronte Manuel
- 2.55 pm Clarence White
- 3.20 pm Paul Hancock
- 3.45 pm Luke Banitsiotis

The finalists will now go head-to-head at 2pm this afternoon, competing fiercely to claim the title of the ultimate Australasian Auction Champion for 2024.

REIA President, Leanne Pilkington said 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 final event.”

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.

The full AUSTROS program can be viewed [online](#).

Photos of the competitors can be accessed [here](#).

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