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Heath Amber is seeking re-election to the Underwriting Agency Council (UAC) board. Heath has held various board and committee positions and is currently Chair of UAC. If re-elected, as immediate past Chair, Heath will continue working and advocating for all members as the industry continues to evolve into the future.

By way of background, Heath has worked in the insurance industry for more than 25 years across Australia and UK. The last 15 years specialising in underwriting agencies, binders and wholesale placements and business partnerships. Heath has extensive industry board experience including significant directorships with leading insurance businesses.

Heath's passion and vision is advancing the interests of underwriting agencies, fostering innovation and industry growth.

Heath is based in South Australia and champions national UAC board representation and membership.



Colin Fagen is the founder and Managing Director of Blue Zebra Insurance. BZI is an Insurtech Underwriting Agency that has built its own proprietary system and grown over five years to have a turnover in excess of \$200m and 40 staff, servicing the intermediary market in both personal and commercial lines products.

Colin has extensive experience in Insurance with over 30 years participation at all levels in the Australian and global market. This accumulated experience is complimentary to the activities undertaken by individual Agencies and the UAC Board. He has held global C-suite roles including Chief Operations Officer, Chief Strategy Officer and CEO Australia and New Zealand for QBE Insurance. Other roles have included being the President and Vice President of the Insurance Council of Australia, Board member of ANZIIF and has sat on the Boards in various industry and private company organisations.

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This experience involved dealing with all levels of local, state and federal government on a multitude of insurance issues, dealing with a large number of Agencies as an underwriter, operator, shareholder, Board member, Responsible Manager and purchaser and seller. He has extensive networks throughout the industry worldwide.

Colin is passionate about nurturing and supporting talent in the insurance industry. He actively seeks to drive a supportive team culture and to drive innovation in the businesses in which he works and the broader insurance industry.

Colin has a Bachelor of Economics, an MBA, is an ANZIIF Affiliate and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Colin is committed to strengthening the UAC through making the network stronger and listening to the views of agencies to enhance the service that the UAC delivers to its members.



Rowan Watson is a qualified accountant with extensive experience in managing financially distressed businesses and collaborating with private equity funds. In 2015, he joined St George Underwriting Agency as General Manager, where he was instrumental in upgrading business systems, driving technological advancements, and building a stronger management team. Appointed as

Chief Executive Officer in 2020, Rowan navigated the company through the challenges of the pandemic and achieved significant growth, establishing a well-recognized capacity in the London market. Over the past two years, he has completed three mergers and acquisitions, expanding the staff from nine employees in a single office to over sixty employees across multiple state offices.

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Peg Reuben-Hull is a founder and the Managing Director of IIS, a specialist underwriting agency exclusively underwriting Strata and Complex Property Insurance in the Australian market. By leveraging her strengths in strategic direction, effective communication, mentoring and teamwork, she has lead her team and business to early success. Launching in 2020 with a small team of 5, we secured Lloyds binders and have grown our team to over 70 people across Australia and India.

Peg is adept at analysing business needs for both internal and external stakeholders, creating effective solutions that enhance efficiency across our business while meeting the needs of our intermediary market.

Before IIS, Peg was one of the founding Directors of Longitude Insurance where they honed their approach to underwriting strata in the Australian market. The insights and experience gained through that experience has prepared her well to lead IIS to the success it has enjoyed so far.

Prior to Longitude, Peg's career has spanned senior roles at leading organizations such as CGU, Munich Re, and IAG Re, where she developed her expertise across a variety of areas, including project management, business analysis, and complex risk underwriting. Her extensive background includes significant experience in property treaty underwriting and client management. It was during her time at Munich Re where she forged strong relationships and operational engagement with some of Australia's most renowned managing general agents and ignited her desire to enter the space as a fellow colleague, leader and mentor.

Peg is also deeply passionate about mentoring young professionals in their careers within the insurance industry. Living by the mantra, "be the person you wish you had when you were starting out," she dedicates her time to guiding the next generation, offering insights and support that empower them to navigate their paths with confidence. By sharing her knowledge and experiences, Peg aims to inspire young talent and foster a culture of growth and inclusivity within the industry.

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Amalie Borthwick is a dynamic young professional looking to make waves in a traditionally male-dominated industry. With a strong educational background, including distinctions in my studies, I am currently preparing to further my expertise in economics and politics at university while simultaneously excelling in my full-time role at a member agency.

A standout achiever, I was DUX at my secondary school in Australia before heading to the prestigious Rugby School in the UK to complete my A Level exams. There, I topped my year in Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics. My leadership abilities shone through as I served as the Regimental Sergeant Major for the Rugby School Combined Cadet Force, earning endorsement from the British Military for my commitment and excellence from 2022 to 2024. Additionally, I was awarded the Cadet Medallion from the Royal Air Force in 2023 and completed a BTEC Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development, sponsored by Rugby School's Combined Cadet Force. A talented athlete, I captained the Clay Pigeon Shooting Team and was selected for the British Clay Shooting National Development Squad, ultimately being honoured as the Ladies High Gun of the Year in 2023-2024.

Growing up as the daughter of two respected industry leaders, I have been inspired to carve my own path and contribute a fresh perspective to the field. Passionate about advocating for diversity and inclusivity, I aim to join the UAC board to infuse a youthful approach that resonates with the next generation of professionals.

Recognising the need to attract young talent to an industry often overlooked by new graduates, I envision leveraging this platform to engage and inspire young people, showcasing the exciting opportunities available and breaking down barriers that deter them from entering the field. With my commitment and insight, I seek to represent the voices of both young professionals and the broader membership, ensuring a future that is innovative, inclusive, and vibrant.

I also see the opportunity to work alongside experienced industry professionals as a valuable chance to expand my own knowledge and understanding, fostering a collaborative environment that benefits both the board and the wider membership.

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Anita Lane is a first-generation migrant from South America who arrived in Australia with her family with the hope of a better life; an opportunity for an education and a world filled of greater opportunities that did not exist in her home country. Anita was lucky enough to take full advantage of all the prospects that Australia offered her throughout her younger years.

Anita started her insurance career as an Insurance Broker in Collins Street, Melbourne. It was 1996 – a time before the ease of online university, but Anita completed her Bachelor of Business degree at night school all while working full time. With certificate in hand, she promptly pursued her goal of working at the home of insurance, Lloyd’s of London. Having told her family, she was just going ‘on a vacation’ after her degree, Anita had secretly arranged a work visa for the UK and landed in London in May 1997 with no contacts, little money but a strong desire to work and be successful in the insurance market in London. Landing a ‘box girl’ role in Lloyd’s within the first week Anita grew to experience many different roles within her time in the UK.

After six years in London, Anita returned to Australia. Her experience and exposure to the international marketplace provided her with solid opportunities to continue her insurance career in Australia. Establishing the Southern Region office for a reputable underwriting agency in Australia and managing it for nine years gave Anita the experience, confidence, and the network to go out on her own in 2010. Together with her business partner, Anita started Solution Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd with not a single policy or client. She has shaped and grown the business to what it is today – almost 60 employees, over four offices, four underwriting divisions with multiple products in each, and cemented binder relationships with acclaimed security partners. Anita works within the business day to day and continues to hold strong relationships with both brokers nationally and with security partners that support the binders locally and in London.

Solution Underwriting Agency was recently acquired by CFC, who is a specialist MGA insurance provider, pioneer in emerging risk and market leader in cyber insurance. CFC are headquartered in London with over 1,100 employees and in 90 countries globally. Anita will continue to lead the business as Joint Managing Director.

With over 30 years’ experience in the industry, Anita is excited about the future of the industry as it continues to evolve and broaden its landscape to encompass not just traditional broking and underwriting skill sets but also embracing the unique perspectives and skills of the emerging workforce. Anita has proven leadership skills,

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passionate about coaching dynamic people in the industry, a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion, and higher education, completing her MBA in 2023.

Anita is an award-winning insurance professional named several times in the Top 100 and Elite Businesswomen of insurance categories. She regularly presents on panels for industry groups such as NIBA, YIPs and ANZIIF, contributes to industry news outlets, and mentors a variety of industry leaders.



Peter Klemt is the CEO and Director of PassportCard Australia a full-service underwriting agency specialising in travel insurance. Together with a team of more than 50 dedicated people, Peter is currently leading PassportCard's accelerated growth phase having re-started operations in January 2023, after a short hibernation period due to COVID.

PassportCard is different. It is revolutionising travel insurance in every market it enters, introducing instant claim payments for approved claims, utilising a pre-paid debit card and supported by US patented technology.

Prior to re-joining PassportCard, Peter enjoyed a short stint at Unimutual and was with QBE for nearly 20 years prior to that, enjoying various executive management roles, culminating in his position as General Manager Business Development. This included full P & L accountability for the Multinational Business Unit he helped establish in Australia.

He is a strategic, customer focused leader with proven capability in driving sustainable profitable growth. A builder of businesses, developing high performance teams with winning cultures that consistently deliver outstanding results.

Peter is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors has a Bachelor of Business and is both a Fellow and a Continuing Insurance Professional of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance.

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Jason Clarke serves as the CEO of Australia and Director at 360 Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd, a role he assumed in November 2022.

With a focus on both operational and strategic leadership, Jason oversees 16 agencies and manages crucial areas such as claims, underwriting, technical and business management functions to drive profitable growth for 360 Underwriting Solutions and its shareholders. His role is anchored in 360's core purpose: "Solutions you want, service you expect, people you know."

As CEO, Jason's responsibilities are broad and multifaceted, encompassing strategic direction, compliance, and operational efficiency. Jason works closely with 360's capacity providers, which range from major Australian insurers such as QBE and CGU to international underwriters and Lloyds of London. This crucial collaboration ensures that 360 Underwriting Solutions retains its capability to underwrite a diverse range of complex risks.

Beyond his CEO duties, Jason also serves as a director for several entities under the 360 umbrella, including AUB 360 Pty Ltd, 360 Consolidated Investments, 360 Group Services Pty Ltd, and 360 Underwriting Solutions itself. His extensive experience and executive oversight make him a key player in the company's decision-making processes and long-term growth initiatives.

Jason's depth of experience spans over 30 years, with a significant tenure at QBE Insurance. His time at QBE covered various roles in underwriting, sales, and senior management across Australia, culminating in his position as Chief Customer Officer for Commercial Lines.

As Chief Customer officer, Jason managed a team of over 500 employees and oversaw portfolios generating more than \$4 billion in gross written premium. His responsibilities spanned financial management, budgeting, forecasting, and performance analysis across multiple portfolios, including SME, commercial underwriting, Elders insurance, workers compensation, and sales & relationship management.

Furthermore, Jason was instrumental in fostering QBE's relationships with a vast network of international carriers, insurers, and underwriting agencies, reflecting his dedication to relationship-building across the insurance industry. His deep financial acumen and comprehensive industry insight positioned him to lead QBE's customer and industry engagements with a clear focus on optimising economic outcomes.

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Jason's efforts extended beyond the office as co-chair of the QBE Foundation for three years, where he drove QBE's community-oriented strategies across Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific.

Jason Clarke's impact on the Australian insurance landscape has earned him a reputation for strong relationship-building within both the broking and insurance sectors.

Outside his professional achievements, Jason is a dedicated father to four boys - Aden, Patrick, Archie, and most recently Jack, who was born earlier this year. His career and family commitments highlight his dedication to both his industry and his community.