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NIBA President announces appointment of new Chief Executive Officer

The President of the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA), Gary Okely, today announced that the Board of the Association has appointed Mr Richard Klipin as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Richard Klipin has extensive leadership experience within the financial services industry as well as leading industry membership entities in both New Zealand and Australia. Richard 's most recent role is as Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Council of New Zealand, a non-profit member organisation representing the financial services industry covering funds management, insurance and financial advice. Under Richard's leadership, the FSC experienced substantial growth to become the largest representative body in the market, expanded its influence in policy debates concerning financial wellbeing, and enhanced its event and education programs.

Before that, he served as CEO of the Association of Financial Advisers, where he successfully repositioned the organisation as a leading voice of the financial advice industry through subsequent strategies of building the brand & profile with the government, regulators & in the broader community.

NIBA President Gary Okely said that he and the NIBA Board Executive Committee undertook an extensive search process in conjunction with a professional recruitment firm. There were a number of outstanding candidates, with Richard's extensive experience in professional associations and a strong history of relationships with the Government and key regulators being influential in the decision to engage him as our CEO.

"Richard comes to NIBA with a strong track record across membership associations and the financial services spectrum which is why we believe he is perfectly positioned to lead our organisation into the future", said Mr Okely.

"I am delighted to be joining NIBA at this pivotal time. The NIBA community is a powerful one that guides and advises Australians to better manage and understand their risks."

I look forward to working with the Board, the members and key stakeholders as we build on our platform of representation, professionalism and community." Said incoming CEO Richard Klipin.



Richard will join NIBA on 27 May 2024. In the interim Phil Kewin has agreed to remain as CEO working remotely from the UK from 28 March, until after Richard takes over as CEO.

“The NIBA board would like to acknowledge the significant contribution outgoing CEO Philip Kewin has made to the association and its members. During his time with NIBA, Phil oversaw the launch of the 2022 Insurance Brokers Code of Practice, updating of the NIBA Constitution, reigniting the NIBA Convention and most recently the launch of the Insure Your Future initiative to promote insurance broking as a career.” said Mr Okely.

Arrangements will be made for Richard to meet Members, key stakeholders and other industry representatives after he joins the organisation.

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About NIBA

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) is the peak representative body for the intermediated insurance industry in Australia. NIBA represents approximately 450 member firms and 11,000 individual brokers, including large, multinational insurance brokers, Australian broker networks, and small to medium-sized businesses located in cities and regional areas right around Australia. NIBA is committed to supporting its members by representing the interests of brokers and their members to government and regulators and promoting high levels of professionalism.

Richard Klipin

