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# TRAILBLAZERS

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## Leanne Wahlert / CHU, STATE MANAGER WA

Leanne's desire for delivering innovative solutions lead her to CHU Underwriting Agencies in 2015 where she is now the State Manager WA. Prior to her current role, Leanne was the Operations Manager WA/NT with QBE Insurance. Leanne has 30 years' experience in the general insurance industry having held a variety of roles in South Australia and Western Australia. Talented at improving team performance through

## Brett Piggott / WILLIS TEMBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Brett established his career in general insurance with NZI Insurance, in Bunbury WA in 1990. Since then he has worked in Geelong and Melbourne, before returning to WA to take up a position overseeing both commercial and corporate portfolios. This role was followed with Brett moving to HIH Insurance to take on the position of WA State Underwriting Manager to oversee merger of the HIH, CIC and FAI Insurance portfolios. In June 2000, Brett left underwriting to take up the position of Executive Director with Willis Temby Insurance Brokers. Brett remains heavily involved in the business and is heavily focussed towards niche service and product lines involving Financial Lines, Small-Medium Enterprise and Corporate strategies. Brett is also the winner of the 2017 Western Australian NIBA Broker of the year.



## Shelley Hymas / AON, CLIENT DIRECTOR

Shelley has over 20 years' insurance industry experience in the UK and Australia, in a number of roles including claims, underwriting and broking. The roles that she has held have all focused on managing a wide range of clients in a variety of industries. Shelley's leadership skills have evolved by successfully building, managing and developing teams over the last 15 years. Shelley currently leads and manages Aon's Commercial business in Western Australia.

## Leaders in our Midst

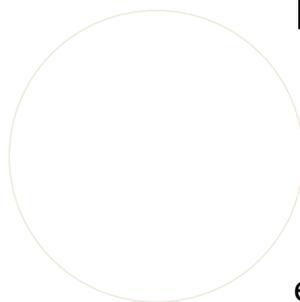
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### Steve de Gruchy / CHUBB, INDEPENDENT BROKER UNIT MANAGER - DISTRIBUTION MANAGER, WA

Steve has been in the insurance industry for over 30 years. After spending his early career in both claims and underwriting roles he has spent the past 20 years in various leadership roles at Chubb Insurance in both Melbourne and Perth. Steve also served as a key member of Chubb's Australian Executive team for almost 10 years. This included leading Strategic Product Development, where he initiated and led Chubb's entry into the strata market in Australia, as well as leading a number of other product initiatives. Steve is a Fellow of the Australian Insurance Institute and has an MBA via Deakin University. Outside of insurance Steve is passionate about the environment and with his wife established Darling Range Wildlife Shelter in 2004, now a leading wildlife

### Bill Athans / QBE, DISTRIBUTION MANAGER



Bill has been in the insurance industry for 16 years having completed a variety of roles both within an underwriting and broking capacity. Bill commenced his insurance journey as a Graduate Workers Compensation Case Manager with QBE back in 2001. One of Bill's aspirations includes becoming a serial entrepreneur but he currently enjoys supporting the business to generate a 'leaders create leaders' culture. Bill currently assists QBE's operations in the Western Region by managing the distribution of insurance solutions to their Major Trading Partners.