



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FSC Industry Excellence Awards Winners Announced**

Eight outstanding financial services executives were recipients of an industry excellence award at the FSC Annual Conference Gala Dinner tonight (Thursday) at Movie World on the Gold Coast.

Criteria used to select the award recipients included:

- Demonstration of outstanding contribution to an industry (and/or FSC) field of endeavour which supports the industry and its customers;
- Contribution that has been exceptional when assessed against similar contributions from other individuals working on similar projects; and
- Active participation in FSC Board Committees, Working Groups, Expert Groups and special projects.

#### **The winners:**

1. Alan Lewitton, Senior Security Risk Manager at Perpetual
2. Janet Beale of AMP
3. Jim Baker of MLC
4. Matthew Thomas of BT Financial Group
5. Geoff Ferguson of CBA.
6. Geoff Summerhayes, Chief Executive Officer of Suncorp Life Limited
7. Richard Snowden, Partner, King & Wood Mallesons
8. Nathan Jacobsen, General Manager, Native Title Trusts & Investments at Perpetual

#### **Lifetime contribution award**

Steve Helmich, Director of Financial Planning, Advice & Services – who recently announced he was leaving AMP after 41 years was recognised with a lifetime contribution award.

#### About Steve's industry contribution

- He was one of the first graduates of the Diploma of Financial Planning in Australia in 1990.
- He was appointed Managing Director of AMP Financial Planning in 1996, established AMP's financial planning model. He then became Director, Advice & Services from 2000 to 2013.
- Steve played an instrumental role in the establishment of Horizons, AMP's financial planning training academy in 2007.
- He launched AMP's pro bono partnership with the Cancer Council in 2010 and was appointed Executive Director, Financial Planning in 2013.
- He steadfastly advocates and promotes the value advice delivers Australians.
- In recent years he has championed quality advice – advocating increased professionalism and standards.

Congratulations to Steve on a great career.

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#### **About the Financial Services Council**

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Council promotes best practice for the financial services industry by setting mandatory Standards for its members and providing Guidance Notes to assist in operational efficiency.