

Media release

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The king of auctioneering in Aus/ NZ has been declared

After a week of tight competition in Auckland, the Australasian Auctioneering Champion has been declared for 2014.

The event, this year hosted by the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand, was a hotly contested fight reminiscent of the recent game of Ruby Union's Bledisloe Cup. The three Australian contenders put up a tough fight but were nipped at the post by Andrew North from New Zealand, which enabled New Zealand to win their fourth consecutive championship.

The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) President, Peter Bushby congratulated the winner, who also won the NZ Real Estate Auctioneer of the Year title in 2013.

Congratulations go to all the finalists:

- Daniel Coulson – New Zealand (REINZ)
- Harry Li – Victoria (REIV)
- Justin Nickerson – Queensland (REIQ)
- Jason Andrew – Queensland (REIQ)

The annual event tests the top auctioneers on their knowledge of best practice and legislation as well as their performance in a simulated auction situation that includes complex bidding sequences and testing questions.

The competitors were judged on their ability to sell a multi-million-dollar house at auction. But to enhance competition, contestants couldn't see how each other have performed as they were excluded from each other's auctions.

"Auctions provide an important alternative option for sellers and buyers alike to private sales with these championships encouraging professionalism and skill in the art of conducting an auction. It's great to see such strong competition, which inspires auctioneers to excel in their profession," Mr Bushby concluded.

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