

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Australian Property Institute announces new CEO

The Australian Property Institute (API) today announced the appointment of John Winter as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective 19 May 2025.

Mr Winter has had a distinguished 30-year career in property insurance, property valuation consulting, marketing and as a professional advocate for membership organisations.

Most recently he served as CEO of the Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association (ARITA). He is also President of the Australasian Society of Association Executives.

Mr Winter takes over from Amelia Hodge, who leaves the API in May after seven years in the role.

API Chair Paul Billingham welcomed Mr Winter's appointment, saying he was the outstanding choice from a strong field of candidates, after a thorough independent recruitment process.

"The Australian Property Institute is delighted to have attracted a candidate of John's capability, experience and expertise," Mr Billingham said.

"He has demonstrated skills in change management and as a forceful and dynamic advocate for the organisations he leads.

"John will help strengthen connections with our 8,000 members, drive development of our growing suite of professional education and development programs, and raise API's profile and influence with politicians, policy-makers and the broader community."

Mr Winter has previously served as Country Head for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), as Advisory Board member for Macquarie University, Board Advisor to a property valuation and consultancy business, for QBE Lenders Mortgage Insurance, and as Chief Marketing Officer in Australia for global recruitment agency, Hudson.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Finance) from the University of New South Wales, is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and is a Certified Association Executive of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE).

Mr Winter said he was humbled by the opportunity to lead an organization of API's standing, on the cusp of its 100-year anniversary in 2026.

“I am absolutely delighted to be joining the API team, and look forward to meeting as many members as possible and understanding their needs and aspirations,” he said.

“The Australian Property Institute has a well-earned reputation as the professional services body of choice for property valuers and broader property professionals.”

Mr Billingham thanked Ms Hodge for her seven years of service to the API.

“Amelia has helped shepherd the API through a period of significant change and innovation, championing a number of landmark initiatives that have reshaped our organisation and the valuation profession at large,” Mr Billingham said.

“On behalf of the API Board, I’d like to thank her for her considerable contribution and wish her well in whatever path she chooses next.”

## About the API

The Australian Property Institute (API) is a professional industry body representing residential, commercial and plant and machinery valuers, analysts, fund managers and property lawyers.

Established in 1926 as the Commonwealth Institute of Valuers, today it represents more than 8,000 members, many of whom provide valuation certainty for Australia’s \$11 trillion property market.

API certification is required by regulation in some Australian States to practice in specific professional fields. These certifications include:

- Certified Practicing Valuer (CPV)
- Residential Property Valuer (RPV)
- Certified Property Professional (CPP)
- Certified Property Manager (CPM)
- Certified Funds Manager (CFM)
- Certified Property Developer (CPD)
- Certified Facilities Manager (CFamM)
- Certified Asset Manager (CAM)

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