



MEDIA RELEASE

New Members Added to MDRT Australia's Ranks & Industry stalwarts Celebrate Milestone Anniversaries

Monday May 13, 2013. Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), The Premier Association of Financial Professionals® Australia Chairperson Ross Hultgren has announced that the membership base of the international financial services professional association grew by 23 new members this year.

Ross Hultgren was particularly pleased that almost half the new members were women and acknowledged that this was an excellent sign for the future health of the financial advice sector of the industry.

In welcoming and congratulating the new MDRT Australia members, Ross Hultgren said their prospects for a long and successful career in the industry would be significantly enhanced as membership offered them access to the immense collective resources, knowledge and expertise that is gathered from across the globe by the organisation's international head office located in the USA.

Another benefit that is unique to MDRT is the camaraderie or Esprit de corps whereby experienced and overseas members enthusiastically share their experiences and knowledge with fellow members and support each other to lift standards of client service and practice efficiency.

The new members celebrating their first year of MDRT Australia membership are –

New South Wales

Tim Farr
Sue-Ellen Hogan
Peter Nonnenmacher
Ashley Pattinson
Rosanna Rossi
Ian Satill
Kabindra Shrestha

Queensland

Matt Brown
Kye Harris
James Kenny
Nathan Lewis
Rowena McGrath
Dominique Schuh

South Australia

Patrick Forrester

Western Australia

Andrew Maciejewski
Mark Rando

Victoria

Eric Bohl
Tenielle Hedley
Helen Lloyd
Loretta O'Brien
Robert Rassool
Manish Sundarjee
Nicholas Gunner

“The commercial and personal benefits offered to MDRT members are truly unique and for new members especially, it provides them a solid foundation that will be reflected in long term successful financial services careers and industry standing,” said Ross Hultgren.

“Longevity of membership and industry success is also another acknowledged MDRT column of strength as each year financial services stalwarts celebrate their anniversary of membership milestones.”

This year, Queensland’s Bob Fowler and Brian Jones together with West Australia’s Percy Kotkis and Bill Nixon of NSW celebrated their 40th anniversary of MDRT Australia membership.

They were joined by the following MDRT Australia members in the celebration of outstanding personal and career milestone anniversaries of membership –

40 years

Bob Fowler QLD
Brian Jones QLD
Percy Kotkis WA
Bill Nixon NSW

35 years

John Macey NSW
Tony Smith NSW

30 years

Jim Goggins QLD
Michael Lenthall SA
Gary Tupicoff QLD

25 years

Peter Grosser WA
Kevin Turner QLD

20 years

David Dobbrick QLD
Dayan Samarasinghe VIC
Ralph Zamykal QLD

15 years

John Edwards NSW
Ross Hultgren VIC
Ron Lambert NSW
Gus McQueen VIC

10 years

Peter Dowsett NSW
Susan Paterson QLD
Matthew Collins NSW

Ross Hultgren also confirmed that in acknowledgement of MDRT Australia’s significant contribution to the financial services industry as a not for profit professional membership association, the following organisations would support the organisation with its endeavours as platinum and gold sponsors –

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“MDRT Australia is immensely proud of its role as a unique financial services industry association that encourages and promotes both personal and professional growth by providing many formats and resources for members to access and apply to achieve their personal and business growth goals.”

“Without a doubt, MDRT’s greatest asset is the collective knowledge, experience and expertise of its members and their willingness to both mentor new industry entrants and accept leadership roles that promote the very highest standards of service and delivery of financial advice to Australian consumers,” concluded Ross Hultgren.

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