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Mike Mortlock and Cate Bakos join PIPA board

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Mike Mortlock and Cate Bakos have joined the Property Investment Professionals of Australia (PIPA) board and hope to help raise professional standards and grow the industry.

The Announcement:

The Property Investment Professionals of Australia (PIPA) have elected two new board directors.

Newcastle-based MCG Quantity Surveyors Managing Director, Mike Mortlock, and Melbourne-based buyers advocate, Cate Bakos, were unanimously elected to the board recently.

The two new board appointments followed the resignation of former board directors Steve Waters, from Right Property Group, after a decade as a voluntary board member, and Paul Glossop, from Pure Property Investment, after serving six years.

"On behalf of the PIPA board of directors, I would like to thank both Steve and Paul for their contributions, insights, and efforts on behalf of our members and the wider property investment profession over the years," PIPA Chair Nicola McDougall said.

"I also warmly welcome Mike and Cate to the board, who both bring decades of experience, which I'm confident will prove to be highly beneficial to the profession and our membership during the continued evolution of the association."

Mr Mortlock said PIPA's commitment to promoting education, transparency, and integrity aligned perfectly with his own values and aspirations.

"I am deeply honoured to be part of an association that not only fosters excellence within the industry, but also recognises the vital role that investors play in providing essential rental accommodation for communities across Australia," Mr Mortlock said.

"I look forward to contributing my expertise and working alongside fellow board members to further advance PIPA's mission and continue serving the needs of both investors and consumers alike."



Mike Mortlock.

Ms Bakos – the former president of the Real Estate Buyer's Agents Association of Australia (REBAA) – said she was looking forward to representing the wider property investment profession and helping to raise professional standards.

"I know I have the energy and capacity to passionately advocate for our industry and am passionate about professional standards and consumer awareness," Ms Bakos said.

"I believe that joining the PIPA board represents an exciting new challenge for me professionally, and I would love to contribute, enjoy personal growth, and see comrades also thrive in the organisation."

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