



# It's official: Gauteng Women in Insurance launched

Gauteng Women in Insurance (GWII), a network for women working in the short-term insurance industry, was launched two months ago. In this short period of time we have grown to over 430 members, and the list is growing daily...

**T**he committee members are Annelot Schrijver (Willis South Africa), Carla Jordan (Emerald), Rianet Whitehead (FAnews), Charlene Webster (JLT), Janine Smit (Arch Underwriting Managers), Michaela Phillips (Emerald), Michelle Schreuder-Rankin (FAnews), and Junia Morare (Insurance Manager at Anglo American).

The group was formed for various reasons, but bigger dreams are what drove us all together. This network is about much more than getting together for a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. Mentoring, personal and professional developments, charities, and fine tuning the art of networking to a tee were really some of the bigger plans we shared when getting together for the first time – and we intend making this happen!

### Launch event

We had our first networking session and it was a huge success with close to 100 ladies attending. Emerald Risk Transfer was our first sponsor, with Gem and Jewel sponsoring three lucky-draw prizes. All the ladies also opened their hearts and purses and donated food for Food for Africa, a charity initiative that Emerald is involved with. The feedback on the event was extremely positive, and we are planning at least another three events for the year. If you want to join, please visit our website [www.gautengwomenininsurance.co.za](http://www.gautengwomenininsurance.co.za).



The committee members (from left): Charlene Webster, Michaela Phillips, Janine Smit, Carla Jordan, Annelot Schrijver, Junia Morare and Michelle Schreuder-Rankin. (Not present: Rianet Whitehead.)

