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NIBA names QLD's top insurance brokers

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) has announced the Queensland regional winners of two awards which recognise excellence in the broking profession. The awards were announced at today's annual NIBA Queensland Expo & Lunch at the Pullman Brisbane in front of an audience of nearly 350 insurance professionals.

The Broker of the Year Award, sponsored by Zurich Australia Insurance Limited, goes to an individual broker who is deemed an inspirational role model for the broking community, who has demonstrated excellence in broking practice and client advocacy, as well as leadership, innovation and creativity.

The winner was Greg Rynenberg, Managing Director of East West Insurance Brokers in Brisbane. Ray Pavey of Townsville's North Queensland Insurance Brokers; and Sharon Pyne of Beenleigh based Parmia Insurance were runners-up.

The Young Professional Broker of the Year recognises the broking industry's rising stars under the age of 35. Candidates must have appropriate qualifications and experience and have demonstrated a commitment to the development and promotion of the insurance broking industry, to their personal development and to the team in which they work. The award has been sponsored by Vero Insurance Limited since 1990.

Adele May, from Willis in Brisbane, claimed the Young Broker award ahead of Jodie Kimber from North Queensland Insurance Brokers; and Ben McKinnie of Aon in Brisbane.

QLD winners

Broker of the Year

Winner: Greg Rynenberg, East West Insurance Brokers

Runners-up: Ray Pavey, North Queensland Insurance Brokers; Sharon Pyne, Parmia Insurance

Young Professional Broker of the Year

Winner: Adele May, Willis

Runners-up: Jodie Kimber, North Queensland Insurance Brokers; Ben McKinnie, Aon

NIBA CEO Dallas Booth said: "It is great to see brokers from all over Queensland represented here as finalists. There are some unique challenges facing the insurance market in Queensland, particularly in relation to floods and cyclones, and all our finalists stand out as great talents who put the interests of their clients first at every step of the insurance process."

"We wish Greg and Adele the best of luck ahead of the national awards in September."

The national Broker of the Year and Young Professional (the Warren Tickle Memorial Award) will be chosen from the State and Territory winners and announced at NIBA's National Convention in Adelaide on 14-16 September.

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NIBA is an independent industry association representing 500 firms and more than 2600 intermediaries, who handle almost 90% of the commercial insurance transacted in Australia. Brokers play a major role in insurance distribution, handling \$18 billion in premiums annually and placing around half of Australia's total insurance business.