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## **NIBA names WA's top insurance brokers**

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) has announced the WA regional winners of two awards which recognise excellence in the broking profession.

The awards were announced at today's annual NIBA WA Gala Lunch at Crown Perth in front of an audience of nearly 500 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 Rick Post, from Centrewest Insurance Brokers, who edged out Gibbscorp's Justin Geldart and Neil Watson from Willis.

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.

Aon's Cameron Dee claimed the prize ahead of Austral Risk Services' Callan Drummond and Willis duo Luke Pratt and Sarsha Thomas.

WA winners

### **Broker of the Year**

Winner: Rick Post, Centrewest Insurance Brokers

Runners-up: Justin Geldart, Gibbscorp; Neil Watson, Willis

### **Young Professional Broker of the Year**

Winner: Cameron Dee, Aon

Runners-up: Callan Drummond, Austral Risk Services; Luke Pratt and Sarsha Thomas, both of Willis

NIBA CEO Dallas Booth said: "Once again our congratulations go to all the finalists here today, whose dedication to professionalism and customer service are second to none. We wish Rick and Cameron the best of luck ahead of the national awards in September."

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The national Broker of the Year and Young Professional (the Warren Tickle Memorial Award) will be chosen from the winners of all NIBA's regional awards and announced at NIBA's National Convention in Adelaide on 14-16 September. The full list of finalists is:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Broker of the Year</b>	<b>YP Broker of the Year</b>
NSW/ACT	Tony Bourke, AIIB	Adam Hines, Gibbscorp
Qld	Greg Rynenberg, East West Insurance Brokers	Adele May, Willis
SA/NT	Tony De Conno, De Conno & Blanco	Cassandra Pearce, IAA
VIC/TAS	John Mutton, InterRISK	Shane Brady, Sear Insurance Brokers
WA	Rick Post, Centrewest	Cameron Dee, Aon

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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.