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SA/NT region's top insurance brokers for 2015 announced

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

Andrew Benda, owner of City Rural Insurance Brokers, based in Eastwood, Adelaide, claimed the Broker of the Year Award; while Alex Conlon, of BJS Insurance Brokers in Adelaide was named as the region's Young Professional Broker of the Year.

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.

The Young Professional Broker of the Year Award, meanwhile, recognises the broking industry's rising stars under the age of 35. The award has been sponsored by Vero Insurance Limited since 1990.

The national Broker and Young Professional Broker for the Year will be chosen from five regional winners of each award and announced at NIBA's National Convention in Melbourne on 7 September.

NIBA CEO Dallas Booth said: "We continue to be highly impressed and inspired by the calibre of our regional winners and finalists. There are a lot of outstanding brokers in Australia and these awards really help highlight the depth of talent and the high levels of client advocacy and expertise our members offer across the country."

SA/NT awards finalists

Broker of the Year

Winner: Andrew Benda – Owner, City Rural Insurance Brokers

Runner up: Ali Conte – Team Leader, Arthur J. Gallagher

Young Professional Broker of the Year

Winner: Alex Conlon – Senior Account Manager, BJS Insurance Brokers

Runners up: Genevieve Mathews – Account Executive, Aon; Katie Stephenson – Business Development Executive, Arthur J. Gallagher, NT (formerly of Marsh)



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NIBA is an independent industry association representing approximately 350 firms and more than 3500 individual 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.