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NSW/ACT's top insurance brokers for 2015 announced

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

Brian Salisbury, Director of Austbrokers SPT, based in Miranda, NSW, claimed the Broker of the Year Award; while Amanda Blackburn, of JLT in Sydney, claimed the Young Professional Broker of the Year Award. The two now go on to contest national awards, to be announced in September.

NIBA CEO Dallas Booth said: "We wish Brian and Amanda the best of luck in the national awards, and we congratulate all the finalists, who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism and competence in the broking industry."

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 Monday 7 September.

NSW/ACT awards finalists

Broker of the Year

Winner: Brian Salisbury – Director, Austbrokers SPT

Runners up: John Fallon – Director, Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers; Jeff Murdoch – Director, Emjay Insurance Brokers

Young Professional Broker of the Year

Winner: Amanda Blackburn – National Divisional Manager, JLT

Runners up: Drew Ferns – Branch Manager, Wollongong, Arthur J Gallagher; Eric Lowenstein – Client Manager & Cyber Risks Practice Leader, Aon



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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.