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NIBA announces awards for top insurance brokers

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) has announced the SA/NT regional winners of two awards which recognise excellence in the broking profession. The awards were announced at today's annual NIBA Gala Lunch at the Adelaide Oval in front of an audience of more than 450 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 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.

SA/NT winners

Broker of the Year

Winner: Tony De Conno, De Conno & Blanco Insurance Brokers, Adelaide.

Young Professional Broker of the Year

Winner: Cassandra Pearce, Insurance Advisernet Australia, Adelaide.

Runners up: Alex Conlon, BJS Insurance Group; Joshua Ingall, HIA Insurance Services (Aon).

NIBA CEO Dallas Booth said: "Once again we offer our congratulations to all the finalists here today, who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism and competence in the broking profession. We wish our winners well, and we are sure they'll enjoy lots of support at this September's NIBA Convention in Adelaide when the national awards are announced."

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.