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NIBA announces regional Broker of the Year award winners

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA), together with QBE, announced the 2020 Broker of the Year winners in a virtual awards ceremony held today.

NSW/ACT

WINNER: Connie Yang, Austbrokers ABS Strata

FINALIST: Mary-Catherine Thomas, Aon

Qld

WINNER: Lana Mawer, Austcover

FINALISTS: Jennifer Steger, Trade Risk; Robert Cooper, CPR Insurance Services

SA/NT

WINNER: Max Cuzzocrea, Maxton Insurance Brokers

FINALIST: Robert Fraser, Gallagher Alice Springs

Vic/Tas

WINNER: Steven Coltman, Adroit Insurance & Risk

FINALISTS: James Skiadas, IMC Insurance Brokers; Michael Stewart, Stewart Insurance Group

WA

WINNER: Shelley Hymas, Phoenix Insurance Brokers

FINALIST: Brian Martinovich, MBA Insurance Services; Michael Davis, Westside Insurance Specialists

The Broker of the Year Award, sponsored by QBE, goes to an individual broker who is deemed an inspirational role model for the broking community.

QBE Chief Customer Officer, Commercial Lines, Jason Clarke said: "On behalf of the QBE team, I'd like to congratulate the 2020 Broker of the Year award winners. There is an abundance of talented brokers across the country, so being named a finalist and a winner, especially in the current environment is a truly outstanding achievement.

"This year's finalists have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to client advocacy, technical excellence, customer service, personal development as well as their teams and broking community. They have not only made a significant impact to their customers, teams and local community - but also serve as a powerful source of inspiration to the broader broking industry.

"Our broker partners are vital to the success of QBE, which is why we're so proud to partner with NIBA to recognise the best brokers in the business at a regional level and nationally via the Stephen Ball Memorial Award for Insurance Broker of the Year."

NIBA CEO Dallas Booth congratulated the winners, adding: "We wish Connie, Lana, Max, Steven and Shelley the best of luck in the national awards, and we congratulate all the finalists who exemplify the highest standards of professional excellence and competence in general insurance broking.

"We had a significant number of applications this year and the finalists represent the cream of the crop."

The regional winners will go on to compete for the Stephen Ball Memorial Award for Insurance Broker of the Year, which will be awarded during the 2020 NIBA Virtual Convention, visit www.nibavirtualconvention.com.au to register, and for more information.



About NIBA

NIBA is an independent industry association representing approximately 320 firms and more than 3500 individual intermediaries, who handle almost 90 per cent 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.

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