

NIBA announces WA broker awards winners

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) today announced the winners of the QBE-sponsored 2023 WA Broker of the Year award and Vero-sponsored 2023 WA Young Broker of the Year award at the WA Gala Lunch. These awards acknowledge and celebrate excellence in the insurance broking profession.

The QBE-sponsored 2023 WA Broker of the Year award was awarded to Frans du Plessis from Grace Insurance and the Vero-sponsored 2023 WA Young Broker of the Year award was won by Justin Purslowe from Aviso WA Insurance Brokers.

NIBA CEO Philip Kewin offered his congratulations to the WA winners, adding: "We congratulate Frans and Justin for their outstanding achievement and wish them the very best of luck for the upcoming national awards."

"I would like to acknowledge all the finalists and the work they do for their clients and the community," Kewin said.

Elliot Hill, Managing Director – Business, QBE Australia Pacific said: "On behalf of QBE, I'd like to congratulate this year's WA Broker of the Year award winner, Frans du Plessis of Grace Insurance. Frans dedication to providing high quality services to his customers sets an impressive standard, and we're proud to recognise his efforts."

The WA Young Broker of the Year award recognises excellence in broking for professionals under the age of 35.

Shane Butcher, Vero's State Distribution Manager WA, said: "Justin has forged an impressive career at such a young age, becoming a director in 2020. He is a talented broker and has already built a reputation for high standards. Vero is proud to support the next generation of insurance brokers and its longstanding association with NIBA's Young Professionals and the Young Broker of the Year award."

Frans and Justin will now go on to compete in the national awards. The national QBE-sponsored Broker of the Year award and Vero-sponsored Young Broker of the Year award will be chosen from five divisional winners and announced in October at the NIBA Convention.

2023 WA Awards

Broker of the Year

Winner: Frans du Plessis, Grace Insurance

Finalists: Tanushree Arora-Sopori, Imperium Insurance and Financial Solutions; Aimee Henderson, Grace Insurance

Young Broker of the Year

Winner: Justin Purslowe, Aviso WA Insurance Brokers

Finalists: Anastasia Hawkins, South Coast Insurance Brokers WA; Dylan Panizza, Platinum Tiger Insurance Brokers

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About NIBA

The National Insurance Brokers Association is the peak representative body for the intermediated insurance industry in Australia.

NIBA represents approximately 450 member firms and 15,000 individual brokers including large, multinational insurance brokers, Australian broker networks, and small to medium-sized businesses located in cities, and regional areas right around Australia.

NIBA member firms all hold an Australian financial services licence, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission under the Corporations Act, which enables them to deal in or advise on risk insurance products.

At an international level, NIBA is a member of the Council of Asia Pacific Insurance Brokers Associations (CAPIBA) and the World Federation of Insurance Intermediaries (WFII).

NIBA is committed to supporting its members by representing the interests of brokers and their members to government and regulators and promoting high levels of professionalism.

