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NIBA and CGU showcase the standout talent in the running for the Broker of the Year Award

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) is excited to announce the sixteen state finalists who are vying for the 2024 Broker of the Year Award. For the first time, the award – which celebrates the exceptional contributions of senior brokers upholding the highest levels of professionalism, expertise and integrity – will be proudly partnered by CGU.

Established in honour of insurance broking leader and past NIBA President, the late Stephen Ball, the Broker of the Year Award showcases the immense depth of talent that's present in our insurance broking profession by shining the spotlight on those senior broking leaders who are committed to elevating the standards of our profession and underscore the significant role that brokers play in making a real difference in the lives of everyday Australians.

The Broker of the Year Award evaluates nominees across three important pillars – the extent to which they're an inspirational representative of the broking profession, their ability to demonstrate professionalism in their practice, and showcasing the benefits of their contribution to the broader community. The state winners shall be revealed at the NIBA Gala Lunches this month, who will go on to compete for the national Broker of the Year Award, to be announced at the 2024 NIBA Convention in Adelaide later this year.

NIBA CEO Richard Klipin said, "The role of an insurance broker in serving their clients and their broader community has never been more important. We are proud to showcase the finalists for the Broker of the Year Award who have demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism through their practice."

As proud sponsor of NIBA's Broker of the Year Award, CGU is providing a unique development opportunity for the five state winners to attend the CGU and JAWUN Ngarrindjeri Country Immersive Experience and Capability Building Workshop in the lower Murray Darling region of South Australia in September. The national winner announced at the NIBA Convention in October will be presented with an incredible opportunity to attend a NYU Stern Business School short executive course including flights, seven nights' accommodation, and a quintessential New York experience in the autumn of 2025.

Damien Gallagher, Executive General Manager CGU said, "CGU believes in celebrating broker ambition. As new partners of the Broker of the Year Award, we are thrilled to announce the names of the sixteen finalists who are leading the way in the industry and supporting Australians through their ambition, integrity, and expertise."

State Finalists:

NSW/ACT	QLD	VIC/TAS	WA	SA/NT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Morrish, General Manager and Risk Advisor at <u>Intercharge Insurance Brokers</u> • Sharon Ling, Client Director – Corporate at Lockton Companies Australia • Matthew Bates, Managing Director at Bell Partners Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Bettridge, Clear Leader and Director at Clear Insurance • Kieran Volpe, Account Executive and Area Manager at North Queensland Insurance Brokers • Scott Stewart, Managing Director at Insurance Mentor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbie Wilson, Owner and Director, National Insurance Brokers • Alexandra Ferguson, Account Director and State Manager at Avatar Brokers • Joshua Boyd, Regional Manager – ACT at Aon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gavin McDiarmid, Account Director at <u>Westminster Coverforce</u> • Murray Johnson, Owner and Director at Johnson Insurance Brokers • Chelsey Harris, Regional Director at EBM Insurance & Risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Spagnuolo, Client Relationship Manager at Guardian Insurance Brokers • Neil Daniel, Specialised Placement Manager at Holdfast Insurance Brokers • <u>Will Laundy</u>, Director, at Pillar Brokerage • Daniela Zaccone, Principal at Marsh Specialty

Join us in congratulating these outstanding senior broking leaders who are the shining beacons of our profession. We look forward to announcing the national winner at the 2024 NIBA Convention, who will be chosen from these exceptional state finalists.



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About NIBA

NIBA is the peak representative body for the general intermediary insurance industry. It serves as the collective voice of approximately 450 member firms and 15,000 individual brokers. Our membership encompasses a diverse range of entities, including large multinational insurance brokers, Australian broker networks, and small and medium-sized businesses located in cities and regional areas around Australia.

NIBA advocates for the interests of general insurance brokers and their clients, ensuring that the general industry operates with integrity and professionalism. Guided by our core pillars: Community, Representation, and Professionalism, NIBA's mission is to enhance the professional standing of insurance brokers through robust advocacy, education, and ethical standards.

By fostering a collaborative and innovative environment, NIBA aims to elevate the quality of service provided to consumers and strengthen trust and confidence in the insurance broking profession.

About CGU

For over 160 years, CGU has delivered exceptional insurance products and provided peace of mind to its customers. CGU offers national reach and is part of Australia's largest general insurer, Insurance Australia Group (IAG). CGU is committed to being the insurer who supports the ambitions of its broker partners and customers it serves. In a world where there's potential to be cut down for being too ambitious, CGU supports businesses to dream big and achieve their goals. For more information visit [CGU Insurance | Car, Home, Travel and Business Insurance](#)