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NIBA and Vero celebrate 35 years of partnering for the Young Broker of the Year Award

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) is thrilled to announce the state finalists for the prestigious 2024 Young Broker of the Year Award, proudly partnered with Vero. This award, now celebrating over three decades of recognising excellence, showcases the future leaders of the insurance broking profession.

Since its inception, the Young Broker of the Year Award has honoured outstanding members under the age of 35, commemorating Warren Tickle's legacy. As the former Insurance Commissioner responsible for implementing the Insurance (Agents & Brokers) Act 1984, Tickle's early career at Sun Alliance, now Vero, set a high standard for the industry. This award continues to uphold those standards by recognising young brokers who go beyond the ordinary.

NIBA's CEO, Richard Klipin, says, "This award celebrates the leaders of tomorrow who strive to go above and beyond, upholding the highest standards of professionalism. NIBA is delighted to introduce the finalists from across the states."

The Young Broker of the Year Award evaluates nominees' commitment to the profession of insurance broking, professional practice, and contributions to the broader community. The criteria include inspirational representation, demonstrated professionalism, and community contribution.

Anthony Pagano, Head of Distribution at Vero, says, "It's a privilege to recognise this remarkable group of professionals. These brokers will undoubtedly go on to be the leaders of tomorrow, and the quality of our state finalists is the reason that Vero is so proud to provide continuous support to all brokers and sponsor the Young Broker of the Year Award for 35 consecutive years.

State Finalists:

NSW/ACT	Vic/Tas	Qld	WA	SA/NT
Emily-Rose Srbnovska, Account Manager at Austbrokers Canberra	Shweta Nimkar, Client Manager – Corporate at Lockton Companies Australia	Ellen Mills, Risk Adviser at Adroit Insurance & Risk	Nikita Willis, Commercial Manager at Knightcorp Insurance Brokers	Kaitlin Munn, Account Executive at Guardian Insurance Brokers
William Freitas, Managing Director at Confio Insurance	Steven Richards, Senior Account Manager at RSM Group	Jodie Krafft, Account Executive at WTW	Casey Fenton, Managing Director at Sparksure	Jack Miles, Senior Account Executive at Kerrie Woodards Insurance
Christian Athanasakis, Account Manager at Aviso Broking	Dion Owens, Client Executive at Honan Insurance Group		Chloe Walker, Account Manager at Oracle Group Insurance Brokers	Lachlan Birrell, Client Manager – Global and Corporate at Aon
				Rebecca Heatley, Account Manager at Holdfast Insurance Brokers



"Congratulations to all the finalists. We look forward to announcing the State winners at the upcoming Gala lunches and then the national winner at the 2024 NIBA Convention in October," said Richard Klipin.

Klipin also extended his gratitude to the Vero team for their longstanding partnership and unwavering support for young insurance brokers, stating, "Thank you to the Vero team for their commitment to fostering the development of future leaders in our industry."

Strategic awards like the Young Broker of the Year are crucial because they recognise individual excellence and emphasise the importance of developing young talent within the industry. By doing so, we can enhance financial outcomes for all Australians and ensure that Australian communities, families, and businesses remain robust and resilient.

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About NIBA

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) is the peak representative body for the intermediated insurance industry in Australia. NIBA represents approximately 400 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 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.