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NIBA announces the winners of the 2024 NSW/ACT Broker and Young Broker of the Year awards

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) is thrilled to announce the winners of the Vero-partnered 2024 NSW/ACT Young Broker of the Year award and the CGU-partnered 2024 NSW/ACT Broker of the Year award.

The awards were announced as part of the 2024 NIBA NSW Gala Lunch, attended by over 500 professionals at the Fullerton Hotel on Wednesday, 10 July.

The Vero-partnered 2024 NSW/ACT Young Broker of the Year was awarded to Emily-Rose Srbinovska from Austbrokers Canberra. Supported by Vero for over three decades, this award recognises the contributions of an outstanding broker under the age of 35.

The CGU-partnered 2024 NSW/ACT Broker of the Year was awarded to Matthew Bates from Bell Partners Insurance. Supported by new partner CGU, this award recognises the contributions of a standout senior broker who has helped elevate the standards of the profession through their practice.

NIBA CEO Richard Klipin offered his congratulations to the NSW/ACT winners and finalists, adding: "NIBA would like to congratulate all the NSW/ACT state finalists and wish Emily-Rose and Matthew the best of luck for the national awards."

Yusuf Alexander, Vero's State Distribution Manager for NSW/ACT said, "Emily-Rose's passion for the industry and dedication to her clients were evident throughout the selection process. Her involvement in professional development and mentoring peers highlights her leadership qualities. We are proud to support brokers like Emily-Rose who represent the very best of the profession."

Pegah Vaghaye, Executive Manager Broker Relationships CGU said, "On behalf of CGU, I'd like to congratulate Matthew as this year's NSW/ACT Broker of the Year state winner. His expertise and integrity as a standout senior broker are why CGU is proud to champion broker ambition."

Emily-Rose and Matthew will go on to compete at the national awards. The national winners shall be revealed at the upcoming 2024 NIBA Convention in Adelaide in October.

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Thanks to CGU, the national winner of the Broker of the Year award will also be a beneficiary of 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.

2024 NSW/ACT Awards

Young Broker of the Year

Winner: Emily-Rose Srbinovska, Austbrokers Canberra

Finalists: William Freitas, Confio Insurance; Christian Athanasakis, Aviso Broking

Broker of the Year

Winner: Matthew Bates, Bell Partners Insurance

Finalists: Sean Morrish, Intercharge Insurance Brokers; Sharon Ling, Lockton Companies Australia

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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

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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.



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