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## NIBA announces the winners of the 2024 SA/NT Young Broker and Broker of the Year awards

The winners of Vero-partnered 2024 SA/NT Young Broker of the Year award and the CGU-partnered 2024 SA/NT Broker of the Year award were announced today by the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA).

These awards represent the pinnacle of achievement by younger brokers under the age of 35, as well as senior brokers elevating the standards of the insurance broking profession.

The Vero-partnered 2024 SA/NT Young Broker of the Year award was awarded to Lachlan Birrell from Aon and the CGU-partnered 2024 SA/NT Broker of the Year award was won by Will Laundry from Pillar Brokerage at a packed house at the Adelaide Oval, in the presence of almost 500 professionals.

NIBA CEO Richard Klipin congratulated Lachlan and Will and highlighted that the achievements of the SA/NT award winners are an indication of the depth of talent in the broking profession.

"The awards are an excellent platform to celebrate the achievements of the standout talent in the broking profession," said Klipin.

"I congratulate all the finalists for their commitment to professionalism and wish Lachlan and Will the best of luck for the upcoming national awards in October," Klipin added.

Karen Thomas, Vero's Executive Manager, Commercial Insurance for SA/NT, said: "Lachlan has built an impressive career with a strong focus on client advocacy and professional growth. His commitment to high standards and community involvement is commendable. Brokers like Lachlan are the reason that Vero has been a proud supporter of NIBA's Young Professionals for more than three decades."

Darren Virgo, Broker Principal CGU, said: "On behalf of CGU, Jonathan and I would like to congratulate Will on winning this year's SA/NT Broker of the Year award. Will has been recognised for his dedication to client advocacy and technical excellence, and we at CGU look forward to seeing what he achieves next."

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The national winners of the Vero-partnered Young Broker of the Year and the CGU-partnered Broker of the Year will be revealed at the 2024 NIBA Convention in October. The national winner of the Young Broker of the Year award will also receive a tailored professional development experience valued at up to \$10,000, courtesy of Vero.

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 SA/NT Awards

### Young Broker of the Year

Winner: Lachlan Birrell, Aon

Finalists: Kaitlin Munn, Guardian Insurance Brokers; Jack Miles, Kerrie Woodards Insurance; Rebecca Heatley, Holdfast Insurance Brokers

### Broker of the Year

Winner: Will Laundry, Pillar Brokerage

Finalists: Daniela Zaccone, Marsh Specialty; Phil Spagnuolo, Guardian Insurance Brokers; Neil Daniel, Holdfast Insurance Brokers

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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

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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.



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