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## NIBA announces the winners of the 2024 Vic/Tas Young Broker and Broker of the Year awards

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) has unveiled the Victorian/Tasmanian region winners of the Vero-partnered 2024 Young Broker of the Year award and the CGU-partnered 2024 Broker of the Year award, which recognise excellence in the insurance broking profession.

Steven Richards from RSM Group was awarded the Vic/Tas Young Broker of the Year award, while Abbie Wilson from National Insurance Brokers claimed the Vic/Tas Broker of the Year award at the 2024 NIBA Vic Gala Lunch on 19 July at the Sofitel in Melbourne in the presence of over 450 professionals.

The two Vic/Tas winners will now go on to compete nationally.

NIBA CEO Richard Klipin congratulated the winners of the Vic/Tas awards, adding: "I congratulate Steven and Abbie, and would like to acknowledge all the finalists who have demonstrated a strong commitment to professionalism and ongoing improvement.

"The award process continues to unearth the great talent from within the broking industry and shine a light on their achievements," Klipin added.

The 2024 Vic/Tas Young Broker of the Year award, partnered by Vero, recognises the broking industry's rising stars under the age of 35.

Megan Lewis, Vero's State Distribution Manager for Vic/Tas, said: "Steven has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a deep passion for the insurance profession. His innovative thinking and willingness to go above and beyond for his clients set him apart. Brokers like Steven exemplify why we continue to support young professionals in our industry."

The 2024 Vic/Tas Broker of the Year Award, partnered by CGU, goes to an individual senior broker who is a role model for the broking community, demonstrating excellence in broking practice and client advocacy.

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Damien Gallagher, EGM CGU, said: "On behalf of the CGU team, I'd like to congratulate Abbie on winning this year's Vic/Tas Broker of the Year Award. With her dedication to client advocacy Abbie has set a very high standard, and we commend her for her broking achievements."

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 Vic/Tas Awards

### Young Broker of the Year

Winner: Steven Richards, RSM Group

Finalist: Shweta Nimkar, Lockton Companies Australia; Dion Owens, Marsh Specialty

### Broker of the Year

Winner: Abbie Wilson, National Insurance Brokers

Finalists: Alexandra Ferguson, Avatar Brokers; Joshua Boyd, Aon

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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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