

## Winners of NSW/ACT broker awards announced

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) today announced the winners of the QBE-sponsored 2023 NSW/ACT Broker of the Year award and Vero-sponsored 2023 NSW/ACT Young Broker of the Year award. Both awards celebrate excellence and represent the pinnacle of achievement in the insurance broking profession.

The QBE-sponsored 2023 NSW/ACT Broker of the Year award was awarded to Barry Sontner from Finsura and the Vero-sponsored 2023 NSW/ACT Young Broker of the Year award was won by Joel Morrell from Network Insurance Group.

NIBA CEO Philip Kewin congratulated Barry and Joel, the NSW/ACT winners, adding: "I would like to congratulate Barry and Joel for their win, and wish them all the best as they progress to the national awards in October."

"Congratulations to all the finalists, who should be proud of their commitment, passion and dedication towards the broking profession. Every year, these awards give us an opportunity to recognise standout talent who live by and embody the values of professionalism that make our industry proud."

Elliot Hill, Managing Director – Business, QBE Australia Pacific said: "On behalf of QBE, I'd like to extend my congratulations to Barry as this year's NSW/ACT Broker of the Year award winner. He has demonstrated excellent customer service and expertise, and the resulting positive impact on his local community is truly significant."

The NSW/ACT Young Broker of the Year award recognises excellence in broking for professionals under the age of 35.

Yusuf Alexander, Vero's State Distribution Manager NSW/ACT, said: "In addition to being a true advocate for his clients, Joel has shown a strong commitment to the professional development and personal well-being of his team. He is also passionate about giving back to his community, actively engaging in volunteer work and fundraising activities. We are excited to continue supporting young leaders like him across the country."

Barry and Joel will now go on to compete in the national awards. The national QBE-sponsored Broker of the Year award and Vero-sponsored Young Broker of the Year award will be chosen from five region winners and announced in October at the NIBA Convention.

**2023 NSW/ACT Awards****Broker of the Year**

**Winner:** Barry Sonter, Finsura

**Finalists:** Helen Bullock, Gow-Gates Insurance Brokers; John Kay, Quantaco Insurance Brokers.

**Young Broker of the Year**

**Winner:** Joel Morrell, Network Insurance Group

**Finalists:** Grant Zorad, Network Insurance Group; Jordan Caleo, AEI Broking Group

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**About NIBA**

The National Insurance Brokers Association is the peak representative body for the intermediated insurance industry in Australia.

NIBA represents approximately 450 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 member firms all hold an Australian financial services licence, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission under the Corporations Act, which enables them to deal in or advise on risk insurance products.

At an international level, NIBA is a member of the Council of Asia Pacific Insurance Brokers Associations (CAPIBA) and the World Federation of Insurance Intermediaries (WFII).

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.

