

NIBA announces SA/NT broker awards winners

The winners of two SA/NT broking awards were announced today at the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) SA/NT Gala Lunch. The QBE-sponsored 2023 SA/NT Broker of the Year award and Vero-sponsored 2023 SA/NT Young Broker of the Year award represent the pinnacle of achievement and celebrate excellence in the insurance broking profession.

The QBE-sponsored 2023 SA/NT Broker of the Year award was awarded to Gary Thomas from Thomas Insurance Brokers and the Vero-sponsored 2023 SA/NT Young Broker of the Year award was won by Adam Luppino from Guardian Insurance Brokers.

NIBA CEO Philip Kewin congratulated Gary and Adam 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 avenue to celebrate the achievements of the talent in the broking profession," said Kewin.

"We congratulate all the finalists for their commitment to professionalism and we wish Gary and Adam the best of luck for the upcoming national awards in October," Kewin added.

Elliot Hill, Managing Director – Business, QBE Australia Pacific said: "On behalf of QBE, I'd like to congratulate Gary on winning this year's SA/NT Broker of the Year award. Gary Thomas has been recognised for his dedication to client advocacy and technical excellence, and we look forward to seeing what he achieves next."

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

Shane Butcher, Vero's State Distribution Manager SA/NT, said: "Adam has already demonstrated he is a true leader. His passion for the insurance profession, ability to think outside the box and willingness to go the extra mile for his clients makes him a worthy winner of the award. Brokers like Adam are the reason why Vero has been a proud supporter of NIBA's Young Professionals and the Young Broker of the Year award for more than three decades."

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.



2023 SA/NT Awards

Broker of the Year

Winner: Gary Thomas, Thomas Insurance Brokers

Finalists: Samantha Yates, New Generation Insurance Solutions; Shannan Gardner, Guardian Insurance Brokers

Young Broker of the Year

Winner: Adam Luppino from Guardian Insurance Brokers

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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.

