

## NIBA names winners of Vic/Tas broker awards

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) has revealed the Victorian/Tasmanian region winners of two awards, which recognise excellence in the insurance broking profession.

Nick Hodges from Marsh has claimed the QBE-sponsored 2023 Vic/Tas Broker of the Year Award, while Olivia Hancock from Marsh, claimed the Vero-sponsored 2023 Vic/Tas Young Broker of the Year Award. The two winners will now go on to compete nationally.

NIBA CEO Philip Kewin congratulated the winners of the Vic/Tas awards, adding: "We wish Nick and Olivia the best of luck in the national awards, and we congratulate all the finalists who demonstrated a commitment to professionalism and ongoing improvement.

"We have outstanding talent in the broking profession and these awards are a fantastic opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of these outstanding individuals," Kewin added.

The Vic/Tas Broker of the Year Award goes to an individual broker who is deemed an inspirational role model for the broking community, who has demonstrated excellence in broking practice and client advocacy.

Elliot Hill, Managing Director - Business, QBE Australia Pacific said: "On behalf of QBE, I'd like to congratulate Nick on winning this year's Vic/Tas Broker of the Year award. Nick has shown strong commitment in providing reliable, trusted advice to his customers and community, and we commend him for his professionalism."

The winner of the 2023 Vic/Tas Broker of the Year Award also receives the Graham 'Bear' Stevens Trophy. This trophy is in recognition of Graham Stevens' significant contribution and dedication to NIBA and the broader broking profession.

The Vic/Tas Young Broker of the Year award recognises broking's rising stars under the age of 35.

Zoran Romanovski, State Distribution Manager Vic/Tas, Vero, said: "Olivia's passion for the industry really shone through the selection process. She is a true advocate for her clients and an inspiration for her peers through her work on the Victorian Young Professionals Committee.

"Olivia represents the very best of the broking profession, and Vero is delighted to provide ongoing support to all brokers like her across the country."



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 Vic/Tas Awards**

#### **Broker of the Year**

**Winner:** Nick Hodges, Corporate & Commercial Leader

**Finalists:** Skie Mitchell, Senior Account Executive, Tasmanian Insurance Brokers.

#### **Young Broker of the Year**

**Winner:** Olivia Hancock, Principal - Corporate, Marsh

**Finalists:** Steve Richards, Senior Account Manager, RSM Group Pty Ltd, Sharmini Sundaram, Associate Director Financial & Executive Risks, WTW.

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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.

