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## NIBA announces the winners of the 2024 WA Young Broker and Broker of the Year awards

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) is thrilled to announce the winners of the Vero-partnered 2024 WA Young Broker of the Year award and the CGU-partnered 2024 WA Broker of the Year award.

The awards were announced as part of the 2024 NIBA WA Gala Lunch, attended by over 500 professionals at the Crown, Perth on Friday, 12 July.

The Vero-partnered 2024 WA Young Broker of the Year was awarded to Nikita Willis from Knightcorp Insurance Brokers. The CGU-partnered 2024 WA Broker of the Year was won by Chelsey Harris from EBM Insurance & Risk.

The Young Broker of the Year and the Broker of the Year awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of brokers under the age of 35 as well as senior brokers respectively to the profession and the wider Australian community.

NIBA CEO Richard Klipin offered his congratulations to the WA winners and acknowledged the finalists, adding: "NIBA congratulates Nikita and Chelsey for their fantastic achievement, wishing them the very best of luck for the national awards in October."

"I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of all the finalists in how they've gone above and beyond for their clients and the impact they've made in giving back to the community," Klipin added.

Shane Butcher, Vero's State Distribution Manager for WA said, "Nikita stood out in this year's competitive field, showcasing remarkable commitment to her clients, colleagues and the broking profession. Her involvement in community activities and her drive advocating for small businesses make her a deserving winner. Vero is a firm believer in nurturing the next generation of broking leaders, which is why we will continue to support young professionals like Nikita."

Dustin Bartley, EM Workers' Compensation, CGU said, "CGU congratulates Chelsey as this year's WA Broker of the Year state winner. Chelsey's commitment to helping elevate the standards of the insurance broking profession is why CGU is proud to partner with NIBA for the Broker of the Year award."

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Nikita and Chelsey will go on to compete for the national Young Broker and Broker of the Year awards. The national winners shall be picked from the state winners and unveiled at the upcoming 2024 NIBA Convention in Adelaide 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 WA Awards

### Young Broker of the Year

**Winner:** Nikita Willis, Knightcorp Insurance Brokers

**Finalists:** Casey Fenton, Sparksure; Chloe Walker, Oracle Group Insurance Brokers

### Broker of the Year

**Winner:** Chelsey Harris, EBM Insurance & Risk

**Finalists:** Gavin McDiarmid, Westminster Coverforce; Murray Johnson, Johnson 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 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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