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Shane Fitzsimmons AO AFSM to Headline the 2024 NIBA Convention

The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) is thrilled to announce that Shane Fitzsimmons, AO AFSM, will be headlining the 2024 NIBA Convention. In a special keynote address, the 2021 NSW Australian of the Year will share his experience of battling the deadly Black Summer bushfires and lessons in building resilience that he's acquired, having over three decades of emergency management experience.

NIBA CEO Richard Klipin welcomed Shane as a keynote speaker, adding: "Brokers play an important role in helping communities get back on their feet in the aftermath of natural disasters."

"Shane's insights will be invaluable in showcasing the importance of risk mitigation and building community resilience," noted Klipin.

Shane served as the inaugural NSW Commissioner of Resilience from May 2020 to December 2022, an organisation established as the lead agency for disaster recovery focusing on social, economic, infrastructure and environmental outcomes. This appointment followed a distinguished career with the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) of over 35 years. The NSW RFS is widely acknowledged as the largest volunteer fire service in the world and is the lead agency for bushfires and bushfire management in NSW.

"The NIBA Convention is an unmissable event for networking, collaboration, learning, and strengthening together. I would encourage all members to join us," said Di Phelan, the 2024 NIBA Convention Chair.

The NIBA Convention is the meeting place for industry leaders, politicians, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders. This year's lineup includes 51 speakers across 21 sessions, with around 800 delegates expected to attend. The program has something for everyone – with a mix of leading politicians, entrepreneurs, and industry thought leaders.

With just 8 weeks until the NIBA Convention, secure your tickets to the flagship event of the insurance broking profession. Join us from 20 to 22 October at the Adelaide Convention Centre for an unparalleled opportunity to learn, connect, and explore the future of the insurance industry.

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Our Early Bird offer expires on 31 August. Take advantage of our Early Bird discount and save on your registration. Whether you are a Young Professional under 35, booking as part of a group, or securing a single seat, savings are available for everyone.

You also have the opportunity to book an 8Plus group registration, where groups of eight or more can benefit from significant savings during the early bird registration period.

Secure your place today and join the conversation shaping the future of insurance broking. Visit [the NIBA Convention](#) website to register now and take advantage of our Early Bird discounts and 8Plus group registration offers.

Don't miss out on the year's leading insurance event. See you at the 2024 NIBA Convention!

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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

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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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