

# media release

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## Vero taking care of the young

**Sydney, 17 May 2007:** NIBA has recognised the need to further develop and promote young professional insurance brokers and as a result has launched an exciting initiative for 2007 with Vero Insurance Limited ("Vero") as the sponsor.

Vero Insurance Limited ("Vero") is delighted to be the sponsor of the NIBA Young Professional of the Year Awards, for young people who have begun to establish their careers within the broking and insurance market.

These awards will be presented to an outstanding young broker in each State. The State-based winners will then go into the running to win the prestigious national Warren Tickle Memorial Award.

Ms Christine Bell, Head of Broker Relationship Manager at Vero said Vero has been a proud sponsor of the Warren Tickle Memorial Trophy since its inception in 1990. This national winner will be awarded with the trophy at the 2007 NIBA Convention.

"As a part of this new initiative each State winner will be flown to Sydney for a personal development workshop.

"Vero will then fly each State winner to NIBA to attend the Convention in October and be present for the annual award ceremony where the winner will be announced by a Vero representative," said Ms Bell.

Attracting and retaining staff is a key challenge within the insurance industry today. In order to remain competitive, companies need to provide staff with challenges in the workplace and development opportunities to keep them motivated and fulfilled.

This initiative will assist in developing the skills of brokers and all brokerages are expected to encourage their young brokers to apply for this Award.



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The NIBA Young Professional of the Year will continue to be promoted to NIBA members through NIBA regional member meetings, announcements, Sundowner Seminars, various insurance publications and the NIBA website.

Vero will also continue to promote this initiative through its Relationship Management Team to raise awareness of our support for young professional insurance brokers and to hopefully generate many applicants from around Australia.

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## **Editor's note**

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Vero is one of Australia's largest intermediated general insurance companies and has 19 branches across Australia, providing a suite of quality specialised risk management products and services through brokers, corporate partners and risk managers.

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