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## Steve Lardner wins 2011 Lex McKeown Trophy

Aon's Director for Broking Operations recognised for his services to the broking industry

**Sydney, 12 October, 2011** – Aon Risk Solutions' Director for Broking Operations Steve Lardner has been awarded the highly prestigious Lex McKeown Trophy for his services to broking and in his role as former president of the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA).

Mr Lardner, who has worked for Aon Australia for 21 years, has been on the NIBA board since 2005 and served as president in 2009/10.

Graciously Mr Lardner attributes his success to the support of his Aon colleagues and his wife, Deb. "We've been married for 32 years, but she's only seen me for 10 of them," he told the audience at NIBA's 29th Annual Convention at Sydney's Darling Harbour where the award was presented.

NIBA President David Duffield told the audience: "Mr Lardner is widely respected for his strong work ethic, meticulous attention to detail and his ability to simply get things done."

The Lex McKeown trophy is awarded only to members of NIBA, at the discretion of the President and in consultation with NIBA's Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Lardner is the second Aon member to receive the Lex McKeown Trophy, with David Farrell, the now retired deputy chairman of Aon Risk Services Australia, taking the Trophy in 2003.

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