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Number 1 in Australia's Top 100 Broker List Katie Thomas, wins again shaping the growing influence of women at the top

Focus Finance Celebrates Multiple National Wins at the Australian Mortgage Awards

Newcastle & Hunter Valley, NSW – 21 October 2025 — After being ranked number 1 in the National Top 100 Broker List last week; Katie Thomas has officially now taken home the title of **Australia's Number 1 Broker and Australian Broker of the Year at the 2025 Australian Mortgage Awards in Sydney** last Friday. This recognition not only cements her status as a national leader in mortgage and finance but also highlights the **growing influence of women at the top of the Australian finance industry**.

This year's awards season has been a landmark moment for Focus Finance, with the firm and its team members receiving multiple accolades across key categories.

Award Wins – Australian Mortgage Awards 2025

- **Australian Broker of the Year** – *Katie Thomas*
- **Broker of the Year – Regional** – *Katie Thomas*
- **Young Gun of the Year** – *Maddison Brown*
- **Broker of the Year – Residential** – *Katie Thomas*
- **Broker of the Year – Specialist Lending** – *Katie Thomas*
- **Brokerage of the Year (6–20 Staff)** – *Focus Finance*

A Trailblazer for Women in Finance

Katie Thomas's leadership continues to inspire a new generation of finance professionals. Her commitment to mentoring and empowering others has been recognised through multiple award wins and nominations, including the **Empowerment Award** and **Mentor of the Year**.

“We have built the business to be team first,” said Katie Thomas. “Empowering your team, elevating their worth — we all rise together. If you’re sitting down having genuine, authentic human interaction, the ability to help each other succeed is phenomenal.”

Building a Team of Female Leaders

The success of Focus Finance is also reflected in the achievements of its rising stars:

- **Maddison Brown** – Winner, *Young Gun of the Year*
- **Ashlee Sillay** – Ranked 31st on the national *Top 100 Brokers* list

These recognitions highlight the depth of talent within the business and the broader industry.

About Focus Finance

Focus Finance is a multi-award-winning brokerage, recognised for excellence in customer service, innovation, and leadership. The firm’s ongoing success is a testament to the vision of Katie Thomas and the exceptional team she leads.

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Katie is available for interview and can provide insights on property trends, mortgage demand, and what’s driving growth across Australia.