

## MGI Australasia supports its young achievers

“ As a region, we are so proud of all our finalists. Our young talent is the future of the profession, and we believe in investing in our young professionals the same way they invest in MGI. ”

Lorin Joyce, MGI Joyce | Dickson



MGI Australasia leads the way in supporting young achievers in their firms. The region is proud to announce that three of its members have been selected as finalists in this year's Accountants Daily 30 Under 30 Awards.

### Recognising the achievements of the rising stars in accounting

Highlighting the achievements of the region's rising stars not only encourages young up-and-coming professionals to continue excelling in their careers but can also be used as a positive recruitment tool.

One such major marker of exceptional performance is the Accountants Daily 30 Under 30 Awards – an exciting awards program that identifies the finest young accountants across Australia.

Judged by a highly regarded panel, a 30 Under 30 Award is a peer-reviewed recognition of an individual's capabilities and passion for driving the profession forward. Winners of these prestigious awards gain national recognition that elevates them above their peers as the up-and-coming names to watch in the accounting industry across Australia.

### MGI Australasia proudly presents its three finalists

#### **Kristina Wakim-Dalger, MGI Sydney** *Public Accountant category*

Kristina works closely with clients to meet short turnaround times and tender deadlines. She makes herself available within hours of requests and takes time to learn about all areas of her clients' investment portfolios. Kristina was promoted to supervisor of the business services team due to her ability to relate to

“ Winning this award would be a reflection of my achievements as an accountant, more than just an academic perspective, but rather looking holistically, as a professional. ”



**Kristina Wakim-Dalger**  
MGI Sydney

and mentor junior staff. She is a trusted confidant with any issues.

Kristina wants to break down the barriers between clients and their compliance activities by explaining concepts in easy-to-understand language. She hopes the accounting industry will eventually become less corporate and more of a casual interaction to foster informal conversations in relaxed settings.

**Nicholas Stevenson, Dobbyn + Carafa**

*Business Advisory and Tax and Compliance category*

Nick was recently promoted to Assistant Manager and is currently on a partnership track within Dobbyn + Carafa. His outstanding achievements include training employees of clients remotely, completing a Top 500 audit and preparation of small business restructure advice. He is also the lead on the firm's biggest accounts. Nick thinks beyond himself and adopts a true business-owner mentality. At the start of the pandemic Nick volunteered for a pay cut if it meant that other staff could keep their jobs.

He believes that accounting is less about the basic compliance checkboxes and more about adding value to businesses and people. Nick sees his role as the person who makes his clients aware of what is possible but leaves the ultimate decision in their hands to empower them in their business journey.

“ It would be humbling to be recognised. I never even considered I would be nominated. This gives me motivation to continue to hit my targets. ”



**Nicholas Stevenson**  
Dobbyn + Carafa

“ Winning would allow my story and my rise to partnership to inspire other young accountants to challenge themselves to succeed earlier because it is possible. ”



**Patrick Fitzsimmons**  
MGI Joyce | Dickson

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*Business Advisory and Tax and Compliance category*

Pat is the youngest partner in MGI Joyce Dickson's history. He rose to partnership level through his outstanding capabilities as an accountant but, more importantly, his demonstrated ability to lead.

Pat is a mentor to business owners who have grand visions to grow their business. He is highly empathetic and understanding, with clients viewing him not just as their accountant but as someone who is truly there to help and support them through the highs and lows of running a business.

One of Pat's personal visions for the accounting profession is to ensure stress and priorities are better handled. He believes in the transition to a greater focus on mentoring clients as opposed to just technical accounting.



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