

Geoff Fowler awarded Order of Australia Medal

IPWEA (NSW) is extremely proud and delighted to announce that one of their members, Mr Geoff Fowler OAM, has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal. Congratulations Geoff on receiving this great honour.

Geoff is a legend within Local Government Engineering and IPWEA circles and has approximately 58 years of Local Government Engineering experience, Geoff was employed full time as an Engineer in Local Government from February 1958 to May 1999.

In August 1999, he established his own consultancy and has mainly worked for Local Government in Engineering positions ever since; this includes a number of assignments for Local Government Appointments.

IPWEA (NSW) President, Mr Warren Sharpe OAM says “Geoff is an incredibly humble man who goes about his activities with others in mind. Of the many people I have met in the sector, Geoff stands out to me as the epitome of the quiet effective achiever. Geoff was rewarded with Emeritus Membership of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia in 2017, and as IPWEA (NSW) President, I had the great pleasure of presenting him with his award at the IPWEA (NSW) State Conference in front of almost 400 of his peers”.



Geoff Fowler has been a long-term member of the IPWEA during his extensive career in Local Government and has shown his passion, support and commitment to the association through his involvement with the Municipal Engineers Foundation.

Geoff has been an unpaid volunteer judge for the Engineering Excellence Awards for the past 18 years having firstly become associated in this role with Gordon Craig, Don Sheffield and Dave Abbott who were all strong advocates for the Institute. After his apprenticeship with Gordon Craig, Geoff soon took over as the coordinator of the judging panel, undertaking the complicated role of initial assessment and sorting of the submitted projects so that a tour itinerary could be formulated across the state. This was no mean feat as Council projects were often criss crossed across the state with much weaving and ducking through Councils roads networks to see each and every project and assess its merits.

Mr Roydhouse says “Through Geoff’s kind nature, loyalty and passion to help others, he has earned the friendship and respect of every Council across New South Wales, it has been an absolute pleasure working with him over the years and long may it continue. Congratulations Geoff well deserved”.

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