

Queensland Spatial Excellence Awards 2017

Citation

Service to the Qld Surveying and Spatial Sciences Community Award

Peter Swan

Peter is a Principal Survey Advisor with the Land and Spatial Information Group of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

He has been involved in the surveying and spatial information industry for over 40 years and has a range of experience in the land development industry from large residential and complex land tenure projects to large infrastructure projects.

Peter graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor Degree in Surveying and was registered and licensed by the Surveyors Board of Queensland in 1976.

In the 2006 Australia Day Honours, Peter was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division for his services to the surveying profession, particularly the formation of the Spatial Sciences Institute.

Peter is a Foundation and Honorary Fellow of the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute and a Member of the Queensland Justices Association.

In 2016-7 Peter served as the SSSI Queensland Treasurer and member of the Queensland Regional Committee and Member of the SSSI National Finance Committee

Peter has participated in some form or another in every conference in Queensland. His involvement in the organising committee for the Southport conference this year was pivotal. Alongside Lee Hellen, Ewen Sneddon, and Chris Swane, Peter lead us in one the best events Queensland has held for quite some time.

Peter provided background briefings and presentation materials for both the Hervey Bay conference in October and the Townsville conference in November 2017. If Peter wasn't leading conference organisation, he was preparing material, such as PowerPoint presentations and documentation, supporting and guiding others. The many hours he invested in his young colleagues seems to unequalled.

Of particular note was his investment in our graduates and younger surveyors who he invested many hours in guiding them in cadastral topics, CTS, GNSS and other surveying and planning leading through to their cadastral registration.

In the last year, SSSI has been challenged by quite a number of varying concerns: finances, management, leadership, communications, and promotions to name a few. Peter has been there to assist and advise us on all these facets as well those tasks he directly took charge as Treasurer and Queensland Regional Committee member.

Judges' Comments

“A tireless worker for the Surveying and Spatial industry”

“Peter shows a long and committed history with the Institute of Surveyors, SSI and SSSI, as well as strong mentoring interests and commitment to advancing young professionals”

