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WA Institution of Surveyors Awards Night

WA's surveying profession come together in honour and celebration

Crown Perth was the host of this year's 2021 Western Australian Institution of Surveyors Member Awards held on Thursday, 20 May. Four members were elevated to Fellow and Honorary Fellow status in recognition of their distinguished or special service to the Western Australian Institution of Surveyors (WAIS), or by significant achievement within the profession.

The Institution celebrates the elevation of Assheton Craven-Smith-Milnes to Honorary Fellow. In 2004 Asshe was elected both President of the WA Division of ISA and a Federal Councillor, beginning a five year job of work and leadership to see through the challenge of merging the ISA into the wider professional collegiality of SSI and then the dissolution of ISA into the SSSI.

Beginning in 2009 Asshe committed himself to the success of the Land Surveying Commission. The strength of Asshe's leadership is his vision of the worth of professional collegiality in magnifying the individual's contribution for the benefit of the community, this goes above and beyond that expected of members and has rightly earned him the highest respect and admiration of his peers.

Robert Agnew, Brian Hill and Edrick Delfos join the ranks of Fellow, all contributing and upholding a high standard of professionalism in Surveying.

Rob Agnew completed his surveying studies at Perth Tech and WAIT in 1969, having joined the Institution of Surveyors as a student member in 1967. Myra, Rob's wife, and Rob established Agnew & Machin Surveyors in 1980, covering the Kimberley's to the Great Southern with Agnew & Machin Surveyors continuing to this day. Rob believes in the continual education and advancement of all surveyors but particularly younger surveyors whom he has articled, mentored, and passed on his knowledge.

Rob has been a member for 54 years and continues to be an active participant in many events. Since WAIS reformed, Rob has held various positions as board member, Vice President & Secretary. His involvement includes being on working groups with Landgate particularly in relation to Strata titles.

For many years Brian Hill was one of those important members of the Institution. Brian joined the Board of WAIS in 2001, was its President during the term 2013 – 2015 eventually retiring in 2018. It was a period of great success for Surveying in Western Australia.

Brian's elevation to the membership of Fellow of the Western Australian Institution of Surveyors is acknowledged with thanks for the work he has done for the Institution and the regard he has generated for the profession of surveying in Western Australia.

Edrick Delfos has been a tireless supporter of the surveying profession and has contributed as a Licensed Surveyor based in a regional area. He has actively promoted the profession of surveying by conducting surveying tutorials for students at Geraldton University, attending the Careers Expo held by the local TAFE college and delivering presentations to local high schools about the surveying profession.

Members who have served the Surveying profession over a number of years were also recognised for their contribution, with some members having been part of the Institution for over 60 years.

The Western Australian Institution of Surveyors (WAIS) is a membership organisation dedicated to promoting and representing the profession of surveying in our State. Currently we represent 250 surveying professionals, right across the Perth metropolitan area and regional Western Australia.

As the peak representative body for surveyors in WA, we represent members from a wide range of surveying specialisations including Land, Mine, Engineering, Hydrographic and Geodetic. The Western Australian Institution of Surveyors aim is to promote professional excellence for the benefit of the community.

The Western Australian Institution of Surveyors has a rich history where it was founded in 1910 as the Institution Surveyors Western Australia (ISWA) and amalgamated with the Institution of Mining and Engineering Surveyors (IMES) to represent all surveying professionals.

In recent years WAIS has been reinvigorated, particularly under the leadership of Wayne Stewart and his Board.

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