

## Vale Peter James Mulcahy 4 January 1938 – 24 February 2020

Peter Mulcahy, a Member of the Institution of Surveyors Victoria since 1964, passed away suddenly on 24 February 2020 in Melbourne.

Born in 1938, Peter matriculated St Kevin's College, Toorak in 1955, worked 6 months with the MMBW survey group, and then completed his surveying articles with Arnold Wilson in 1961. He was licensed by the Surveyors Board of Victoria on 26 November 1961, licence No. 958.

Peter opened his own survey private practice, *Peter Mulcahy & Associates*, in 1964 and successfully ran it until the day of his death. Peter was a generous mentor to many, especially in recent years, and his experience in surveying, town planning, serving local government and the community was both significant and exemplary.

Among his proudest achievements was one of Australia's first residential 'cluster housing' subdivisions, Milgate Park, in Doncaster East. Recognised with an Award for Community Design from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects in 1977, Milgate Park's innovative planning is now included in the Heritage Register of sites of significance in Victoria.

Peter was elected a Councillor of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe in 1975, and served for a period of seven years, including a term as mayor in 1980-81. He was appointed as a Justice of the Peace (No. 8187) in 1980. And, in 1981, Peter was appointed as a member of the Planning Appeals Board (VCAT), hearing hundreds of appeals and serving with distinction for 25 years, until 2006.

Peter was chairman of the Association of Consulting Surveyors in 1986-87 and served the Board of the ACS Insurance Society as a Director and Company Secretary from 1988 to 2007. He also served on the Institution of Surveyors Victoria Committee, and was a founding member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association, serving from 1987 until 1992.

All the while, Peter kept his practice going for 56 years, completing projects large and small, from 850 block subdivisions to check surveys. In recent years, his contributions to public and professional life were recognised with a number of significant awards.

In 2016, Peter received a Platinum Lord Mayor's Commendation, recognising his business for having operated continuously within the City of Melbourne for over 50 years. And then, in June 2019, the Victorian Surveyor General presented the inaugural award by the board for 'more than 50 years of service to the community as an L.S. in Victoria' to Peter. Quite an honour for an L.S. who was highly regarded for his survey work.

Peter was much loved by his three children and nine grandchildren and by his wife Pam, whose death four years ago was a terrible blow to him. Peter loved the arts in Melbourne and, most of all, to share a meal with family or a long lunch (and much good wine) with friends.

Members of ISV and the survey profession extend their condolences to the family in their sad loss.