

Woodrow Weight Award

Joining the honour roll of Woodrow Weight Award recipients, Miles Felstead was recognised at the REINSW Awards for Excellence for his outstanding contribution to REINSW and the real estate industry.

“The Woodrow Weight Award is REINSW’s highest honour and bestowing it each year is a time-honoured tradition – and, when you look at who has received this award since its inception, it really is a who’s who of our industry,” REINSW President Leanne Pilkington said. “It’s an honour roll of our industry’s greats and Miles Felstead stands alongside them.”

Leanne explained that, as a teenager fresh out of high school and just starting in property, Miles received some valuable advice.

“It was drilled into him that if he wanted to ‘make a go’ of his career, he should join REINSW,” she said. “So, when Miles opened his own agency on Sydney’s North Shore in 1976, he did just that.

“Over the next four-and-a-half decades, Miles has made a remarkable contribution to both REINSW and the industry.

“He joined the Property Management Chapter in 1980 and was elected to the Chapter’s Committee the following year. He served on the Chapter Committee for more than 35 years, including two stints as Chapter Chair, and during this time selflessly contributed his knowledge and experience for the betterment of the industry.

“Miles was also a member of the REINSW Board of Directors for eight years and, until very recently, represented REINSW as a Director of the Rental Bond Board.

Having spoken to many of his colleagues, Leanne said that the thing that shone through was how giving Miles is.



“Nothing is ever too much trouble and he’s always happy to help others,” she said. “To a person, everyone agrees that Miles is humble and knowledgeable about all things property management and is completely deserving of this honour.

“Without doubt, Miles is one of the most valued and respected members of our profession and I, like so many others, admire him greatly.”

Miles admitted that he was bowled over by the news that he was this year’s recipient of the Woodrow Weight Award.

“I was proud and humbled to be recognised as an REINSW Life Fellow in 2017,” Miles said. “To now receive the Woodrow Weight Award is just unbelievable – it really is a crowning moment for me.

“One of the highlights of my career has been contributing to REINSW. The experience certainly broadened my horizons and has led to life-long friendships.”

WHO WAS WOODROW WEIGHT?

Woodrow Weight was a legend in the real estate industry.

REINSW President from 1964 to 1965, he went on to become the first Australian to be elected as World President of the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI) in 1977. In 1982 he was made an

Officer of the Order of the British Empire – or OBE – for services to real estate.

Woodrow Weight befriended and encouraged generations of agents, inspired many and showed leadership in his lifelong dedication to the betterment of our industry. He

was a great man – known by many and universally considered to be the epitome of a real estate professional.

In 1987, the then President of REINSW, Robert Bevan, decided to honour Mr Weight by initiating an award for outstanding contribution to real estate agency practice and

outstanding contribution to the Institute. Each year, the REINSW President presents the Woodrow Weight Award to the person who best lives up to the attributes displayed by this real estate legend.

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