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UDIA Bestows National Life Memberships

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) has awarded industry veterans Bruce McDonald and Peter Sherrie with National Life Membership, in recognition of their service to UDIA and the development industry. The announcement was made at the 2015 UDIA Calibre Consulting National Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner, which was held in Sydney last Thursday.

Bruce McDonald is one of the original founders of UDIA. Whilst working as an engineer and urban planner, he and a group of likeminded individuals formally established UDIA NSW in 1963, with Mr McDonald chosen as the first President. He later returned for a second term as UDIA NSW President from 1974 – 1976.

In 1978, Mr McDonald left the industry to work in government. He became deputy leader of the New South Wales Liberal Party, and subsequently leader in 1981, before moving to South Australia and serving as President of the South Australian Liberal Party from 1987 to 1990. He later served as vice-president of the federal Liberal Party from 1998 to 2005.

“Without Bruce McDonald and his determination to create a development industry group over fifty years ago, it is very possible that UDIA would not exist today,” said Cameron Shephard, UDIA National President.

Peter Sherrie is the Managing Director of Excel Development Group and has been involved in a number of successful developments with Lend Lease, Stockland and Peter Kurts Properties. He began working with the UDIA at a State level in 1995, and he has subsequently served in a variety of roles including as Queensland State President, National Awards Judge and as National President.

“Peter Sherrie had a defining role in building UDIA into the National body that it is today,” Mr Shephard said.

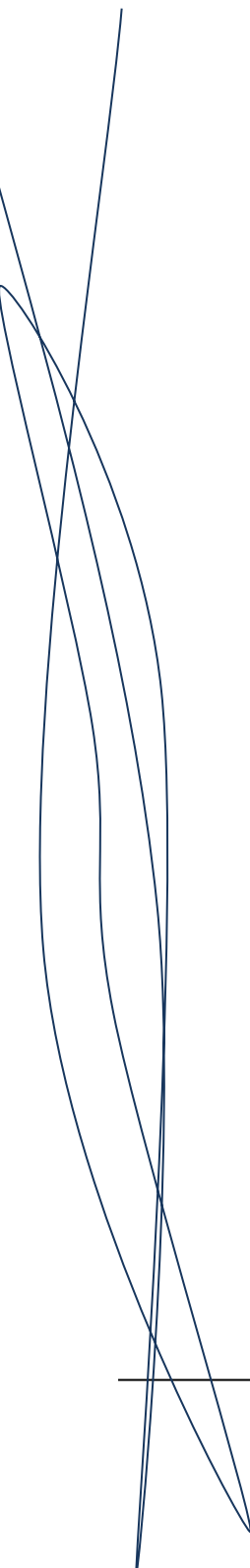
He was one of the first National Presidents to head UDIA National after it was established as a separate office in Canberra, and was instrumental in driving the growth and expansion of the office in its formative years.

“Bruce McDonald and Peter Sherrie have both shown truly remarkable and selfless dedication to the development industry and to the formation and progression of UDIA nationally,” said Mr Shephard.

“I am truly honoured to congratulate two highly deserving individuals for receiving *UDIA National Life Membership*.”

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