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CLARKE, Walter George
Age 46, born 17-2-32, Sydney, Australian citizen
Married, 3 children aged 18, 16 and 8
28 Olphert Avenue, Vaucluse NSW, 2030.

April, 1978.

Sidney Luker Memorial Medal 1974, awarded once every two years by Australian Planning, Engineering and Surveying Institutes for "a notable contribution to the science and practice of urban and regional planning in Australia" (see citation attached).

Master of City Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MIT Whitney Fellow, two years 1957/58 and 1958/59.

Degree awarded 12th June, 1959.

Thesis: "The Metropolitan image - The interaction of human perception with physical environment". Supervisor: Professor Kevin Lynch.

Diploma in Town Planning and Civic Architecture, University College, The University of London. Three years part time 1954-57. Diploma awarded 27th June, 1957.

First two years completed in the Town and Country Planning Diploma course at the University of Sydney (Top place at end of second year). University of Sydney Italian Government Travelling Scholarship. Studied urban design in Italy Jan - Sept. 1956. Third year completed in London, under Professor William Holford. Achieved equal top place with one other student in the diplomate class of 30. Thesis: "The concept of megalopolis as a regional cluster of cities", included a comparative study of the growth characteristics of London, Milan, Stockholm, Los Angeles and Sydney, together with an application of the concept of the Sydney Region. This study was financially assisted by the Cumberland County Council, then Sydney's regional planning authority.

Batchelor of Architecture, The University of Sydney. Five years full time 1949-53 inclusive. Degree awarded 14th April, 1954.

Fellow, Royal Town Planning Institute (U.K) Elevated Fellow 1965, admitted Associate 1958.

Fellow, Royal Australian Planning Institute Elevated Fellow 1967, admitted Corporate Member 1961.

(Nominated unopposed as RAPI Federal President 1977, but withdrew on overseas posting with World Bank. Federal Senior Vice-President 1974-76, N.S.W. President 1972-74).

Certificated Town and Country Planner (NSW) by examination 1961 pursuant to the Local Government Act.

Registered Architect (NSW) 1954 ARAIA 1954;/FRAIA 1970;/ARIBA 1956.

International Vice-President, East Asian Regional Organisation for Planning and Housing 1970-78. Member, Eastern Regional Organisation for Public Administration; World Society of Ekistics; American Society for Planning Officials.

Languages: Indonesian, Italian, French.

Present Position: September 1977 - Director, Central Java Urban Projects for the World Bank, Washington D.C. Responsible for economic feasibility studies, social cost-benefit and financial analyses, urban planning, housing design and detailed engineering of (a) a new town in Central Java to house 35000 people in its first stage; (b) 5 year comprehensive Kampung Improvement Programs and Projects for the inner areas of the cities of Semarang and Surakarta, Central Java, for the Indonesian Government's National Urban Development Corporation and the local government authorities. Supervision and direction of 5 expatriate and numerous Indonesian professional staff, including "transfer of technology" to Indonesian Professionals and students.

Previous Appointments:

1977-70: Director, urban and regional research and planning, Urban Systems Corporation and Clarke Gazzard Planners, consulting organisations.

1975-71: Director, Australian Subsidiary of A.M. Voorhees and Associates Inc. U.S. traffic/transportation research and planning consultants.

1969-60: Partner-in-charge of urban planning and design, Clarke Gazzard and Partners, Architects-Planners.

1969-61: Director of Research, URBSEARCH, urban research consultants.

Over 18 years of private practice, headquartered in Sydney but with extensive periods of interstate and overseas, carried out major projects of:

- *socio-economic research and feasibility studies;
- *town, city and regional planning;
- *civic design;
- *government policy formation, development management and administration studies.

Client organisations were:

- *Australian Federal, State, Territory and Local Government Authorities;
- *Public companies, institutions and private developers.

Areas of operation were:

- *All States and Territories of Australia, including Papua/New Guinea;
- *Mauritius; *Iran; *Indonesia.

Responsibilities included:

- *Collaboration with and coordination of the work of senior professionals in many specialist disciplines;
- *Direction and training of employed town planning students and young graduates, many of whom now occupy senior positions in government, universities and independent private practice.

Achievements included:

- *Pioneering of the first multi-disciplinary professional practice in Australia, and one of the first in the world, integrating urban social, economic, geographic and transportation research, planning and design.
- *Initiation, proving, dissemination and implementation in

Australia of a succession of innovative urban research, planning and management concepts and techniques, which have since become conventional wisdom or standard practice.

1959-58: Town Planner, Providence City Council, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

1957-56: Architect-Planner, London County Council, U.K.

1955-54: Planning Officer, Cumberland County Council, Sydney.

1954: Restoration of a Paddington, Sydney terrace house.

Honorary appointments have included:

Editor, Royal Australian Planning Institute Journal (1962-68) and founder of the Journal in its still current form.

Founder Member, Social Sciences Research Council - RAPI Joint Organising Committee for an Australian Institute of Urban Studies; and Founding Councillor, AIUS, 1966-78.

Chairman, Sydney Study Group on Metropolitan Problems, and Leader of the Sydney delegation to World Conferences on Metropolitan Problems, Paris and Toronto, 1966-68.

Executive Councillor and Vice-President, East Asian Regional Organisation for Planning and Housing; and Chairman, Organising Committee, Asian Planning Congress, Canberra, 1970.

Chairman, Organising Committee, 14th Building Science Forum Conference, "Building for Metropolitan Living 1970-1980".

Member, NSW State Planning Authority Technical Advisory Committee on Medium Density Housing, responsible for the Report "Town Houses", 1971-72.

Member of Working Party set up by Dr. Leigh Pownall, Chairman, NSW Planning & Environment Commission, to advise on new State, Regional and Local Government planning systems for New South Wales, January 1975.

Selected Publications:

Objectives and Action 1977-80, The Sydney City Council's strategic Plan, 24 page summary, 1977 (72 pp book now in preparation).

The City of Adelaide Plan, 161 pp hardbound and softbound, for the Adelaide City Council 1974. Book 1: The City of Adelaide Plan; Book 2: A Bill for the City of Adelaide Environment Act; Book 3: Action to Implement the Plan.

The City of Sydney Strategic Plan 1974-77, 60 pp, Sydney 1974.

See It My Way - George Clarke, ABC TV Documentary, 16 mm, 32 mins, April 1973.

Planning as a community learning process", Proceedings: Governments in Planning, 12th Congress, Royal Australian Planning Institute, Brisbane, 1972, pp 14.

(Joint author and Editor) City of Sydney Strategic Plan 1971, The Council of the City of Sydney, 166 pp hardbound illus 7 appendices, July 1971.

"Urban Australia", Chapter 3, Australian Society, 2nd Edition, Davies & Encel (eds), Cheshire, Melbourne, 1970; 17 tables, 2 figs, 4 maps, pp 31 - 83.

"Administrative Discretion in the urban planning and development fields", Public Administration, Royal Institute of Public Administration, Sydney, Vol XXIX No 2, June 1970, pp 129 - 144.

"A national park proposal for Myall Lakes" 24 pp litho softbound, for the Myall Lakes Committee, 1968-69.

"The historic tradition and future potential of urbanism in Iran" Iran Municipal Association Journal, (in Farsi) 1968, pp 20 - 27.

(In association with Professor D. Winston and Donald Gazzard) "A Proposal for a Civic Square in Martin Place", 4 pp plus plans and illustrations submitted to the City Commissioners, September 10, 1968.

(Co-author and editor) "A critique of intergovernmental relations affecting the Sydney Region", Australian Planning Institute Journal, Vol 6 No 1, January 1968, pp 5 - 13.

"Organisation for Strategic Planning" a report prepared for the Victorian Town & Country Planning Board and the Minister for Local Government; Government Printer, Victoria, 1967. (Recommendations implemented by the Town & Country Planning Act, Victoria, 1968).

"The establishment of a practical system for the guidance of urbanisation and the control of land development throughout Iran" Phase II Recommendations, for the National Plan Organisation, Government of Iran, 1967-68.

"Social, economic and physical surveys, analyses and projections of urbanisation in Mauritius" for the Anglo Mauritius Assurance Society, Port Louis, 1966-67.

"Concentrated habitation and articulated groundscape", a photographic essay, Persia, India, Syria and Israel, Building Ideas, Sydney Vol 3 No 3, June 1966 pp 14.

"Urban Form in three ancient capital cities - Esfahan (Persia), Angkor (Cambodia) and Ayuth'ya (Thailand)", Paper delivered to the Australian Planning Institute, Sydney, June 17, 1966.

"Understanding the nature of the city core" - Proceedings, RAPI Summer School, Brisbane, 1965; and The Real Estate Journal, Sydney Vol 16 No 11, Nov 1966, pp 397 - 401.

"Canberra's significance for Australian planning", Shire and Municipal Record, Vol 57, 1964, p 225 et seq.

(Co-Author) "Canberra observed - an aesthetic critique", Art and Australia Nov 63, pp 176 - 185.

"Medium Density groups of family dwellings for Canberra" a policy research study for the National Capital Development Commission, 1964.

"Economic Base Study - Coleambally New Town", "Development Plan for Coleambally New Town", and the Murrumbidgee Shire Planning Scheme; for the Department of Local Government, the State Planning Authority and Murrumbidgee Shire Council 1963-64.

"Studies in the Location and Growth of Manufacturing and Distribution Industries in Brisbane" for Industrial Estates Pty. Ltd., 1962-64.

"Detailed Planning for Lands suspended from Sydney's Green Belt", Australian Planning Institute Journal, Vol 2 No 1, March 1962, pp 17 - 21.

"Policy conflicts in the Green Belt controversy", The Australian Quarterly, Journal of the Australian Institute of Political Science Vol XXXII No 4, December 1960, pp 27 - 38.

"Recent U.S. experience in urban renewal", Australian Planning Institute Journal, Vol 1 No 7, June 1960 pp 17 - 20 and No 8, Sept 1960, pp 31 - 37.

Metropolis - the problem of the expanding city, Theme paper, 5th Australian Planning Congress, RAPI, Sydney Aug 1958, 10 pp monograph.

Planning in practice - The Cumberland County Council 1951 - 1955. Published by the Council, 1955, 16 pp monograph.

AVAILABILITY: August, 1978.

PHYSICAL FITNESS: Excellent - complete medical examination and tests, March, 1978.

- REFEREES:
1. Professor Sol Encel,
Head, School of Sociology
University of New South Wales
Post Office Box 1, KENSINGTON NSW 2033.
 2. The Honourable Mr. Justice Ray Else Mitchell
Chairman
Commonwealth Grants Commission
219 Northbourne Avenue, CANBERRA ACT 2601.
 3. The Emeritus Professor of Town Planning at
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Denis Winston
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 4. Hugh Stretton,
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C I T A T I O N

AWARD OF THE TENTH SIDNEY LUKER MEMORIAL MEDAL, 1974, TO MR. GEORGE CLARKE

Mr. Clarke has practised urban and regional planning for 20 years. His professional activity began in 1954 with the Cumberland County Council, Sydney's then regional planning authority. After further work and study in the United Kingdom and the United States, in 1960 he commenced an independent professional practice in Sydney of a comprehensive character not previously attempted in Australia. The objective was to integrate the disciplines of urban, social, economic and geographic research, planning, design and law.

Over the last decade and a half, Mr. Clarke's practice has developed into a group of interlinked organisations, with a large staff and branch offices in all the mainland States. Mr. Clarke's role in the practice has evolved away from detailed work to one of involvement in only major projects, overall management and administrative responsibility. His work has extended into all Australian States and beyond to New Guinea, Mauritius and Iran. Among his recent notable projects have been the 1973-74 City of Adelaide Planning Study, the 1973-74 review and revision of the 1971 City of Sydney Strategic Plan and the Martin Place Plaza.

Mr. Clarke has been committee member, secretary, vice-president and president of the New South Wales Division of the Royal Australian Planning Institute and is at present the Institute's Federal vice-president. His greatest contribution has perhaps been to bring the Institute's Journal up to its present high level when he was its Honorary Editor from 1962 to 1968. He has also served on countless special purpose committees, and organised seminars, congresses and summer schools for the Institute.

Mr. Clarke has held many other honorary and advisory positions. He has lectured in town planning and related subjects in universities here and abroad and is the author of a large number of articles, research papers, reports and other publications.

Without a doubt, Mr. Clarke is one of Australia's most notable urban planners. He has distinguished himself in every possible sphere of professional life and has condensed an enormous amount of activity into a relatively short time. His work has been consistently innovative: he has pioneered, in Australia at least, the introduction of a succession of new ideas, techniques and/or approaches. He was among the first planning practitioners to bring public participation into the planning process. Mr. Clarke is a "generalist" rather than a "specialist". He is particularly interested in the practice of planning as a process of resolving social, legal and political conflicts. His early interests in human attitudes and reactions to the physical environment have moved him to interests in architecture, urban design planning and perception psychology. The difficulties of implementing conscious urban plans and designs have led him to study the underlying socio-cultural, economic, administrative and political processes of decision-making which affect urban and regional development.

For his many achievements, the New South Wales Division of the Royal Australian Planning Institute has awarded the 1974 Sidney Luker Memorial Medal to Mr. George Clarke.

John Roseth
President
New South Wales Division

29 January, 1975