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Peter Burnett AM

(1950 – 2019)



It is with the heaviest of hearts that the Australian Hotels Association shares the sad news of the passing of immediate past President, Peter Burnett AM.

AHA (Vic) President and long-time friend David Canny today said, “Peter was an industry icon taken way too soon. Our deepest sympathy and condolences are with Jan, Nick and Jacqui, Emma and Mark and their 5 wonderful grandchildren Isabella, Amelie, Madeline, Noah and Flynn.”

Peter dedicated more than 25 years of unsurpassed service to improving and protecting the hospitality industry in Victoria and Nationally – for 21 of those years Peter served as AHA Victorian President, 3 terms as the National President and as many as the National Senior Vice President.

As a long-serving hotelier of The Lord of the Isles Hotel in Geelong, Peter was fearless in his leadership and passion for pubs. Peter was a mentor to so many and his loss leaves a massive hole in our hearts.



Peter is an AHA (Vic) and AHA National Life Member, a Nikakis Award winner and a member of the AHA National Hall of Fame.

Peter's passion for tourism also saw him appointed as a Board Member of Tourism Australia and was currently serving as a Board member of Visit Victoria and Tourism Accommodation Australia.

In 2015, Peter was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) "for significant service to the tourism and hospitality sector at the State and National level, and as a supporter of charitable and sporting groups".

For the AHA to have achieved so much of importance on Peter's watch, it is a tribute to his skill, leadership and unbound energy. An enduring and powerful legacy of purpose, unity, respect, professionalism and friendship.

Current serving AHA National President Mr Scott Leach said "A giant has fallen. Peter's legacy is undisputed. Peter made an undeniable contribution to our industry that has not just benefited hoteliers today. His efforts and achievements will echo through to the next generation... such was his impact and influence on our industry".

Mr Canny added, "It is moments like these that being part of a magnificent industry and association is so vital and will give us strength at this distressing time – an industry family which is so much stronger because of Peter".



"Our industry is in mourning for one of Geelong's favourite sons".