



DAVID JAMES SHEAVES

Class of 1957

David (Jim) Sheaves (1953-57) graduated from UNSW with a Bachelor in Surveying in 1962 and was registered by the NSW Board of Surveyors and appointed Fellow, Institution of Surveyors (Australia) in May 1992. From 1963 to 1969 he worked as a field surveyor in NSW, ACT, PNG OLD, WA, Tasmania and the NT on property surveys, advising on computing facilities, the Australian Height Datum and geophysical surveys (including re-opening of the Beaconsfield gold mine, Tasmania). In 1976, Jim was the inaugural Supervising Surveyor (Computing) of the ASO in Canberra which was a leader in automated plan preparation, initiating the first survey accuracy digital cadastral data base in Australia.

From 1982 to 1985 he was seconded as Secretary of the Inaugural Australian Police Minister's Council and then as Commonwealth as Director, National Policing, in the Department of the Special Minister of State.

In 1987, Jim Sheaves returned to the ASO as Assistant Surveyor-General (Technical Services) and was promoted to the position of Deputy Surveyor-General (Client Services) in AUSLIG in 1988, managing the national quasi-commercial operations. In 1992 he became State Manager (ACT) in the commercialised Australian Property Group (APG) responsible for managing the Commonwealth's ACT real estate. At the end of 1993 Jim became National Operations Manager (APG) before retiring in August 1995.