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Secondly (as you have heard) by his many years of constructive work for the Royal Australian Planning Institute: as Editor of the Journal, as Member of Council and later as President of the Sydney Division.

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