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On Friday, February 21, the RAPI will present the Institute's highest honour, the Sidney Luker Memorial Medal, to Mr George Clarke. Mr Clarke heads Urban Systems Corporation, the Blue Mountains City Council's consultants for the preparation of Council's Blue Mountains Strategy Plan. Mr Clarke is the youngest person ever to be awarded the Medal over the twenty years of its existence. Previous recipients have been Sir John Overall, Professor Denis Winston and Professor Gordon Stephenson.

SD: Check with June to ensure that copies of Luker Release & Citation have been sent with covering letters to Editors of:-
RAPI, Arch in Australia, The Valuer, The Institution of Engineers Journal, The Institute of Surveyors Journal, The Developer (Watts?), & all other professional journals, including the Shire & Municipal Record.

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MEDIA RELEASE - EMBARGOED UNTIL 10 A.M. MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1975

The Royal Australian Planning Institute announces the award of the Sidney Luker Memorial Medal to Mr. George Clarke for a notable contribution to the science and practice of town and regional planning in the Commonwealth of Australia during the period 1972-74.

This is the tenth Sidney Luker Memorial Medal awarded since its inception in 1955. Previous recipients have included Professor Denis Winston, Sir John Overall and Professor Gordon Stephenson.

The Medal is named in honour of the memory of Sidney Luker, the first Chief County Planner of the Cumberland County Council, Sydney's first regional planning authority. The Cumberland County Council was created in 1945 and in 1948, under Mr. Luker's leadership, produced Sydney's first regional plan, the Cumberland County Plan, which was adopted by the New South Wales Parliament in 1951.

Mr. George Clarke is an urban planning consultant. His work has extended to every State in Australia and beyond to New Guinea, Iran and Mauritius. Among his major achievements are the Sydney City Strategic Plan and the City of Adelaide Plan. Mr. Clarke has held many important honorary positions, has worked unstintingly for the Institute for many years and is the immediate past President of the New South Wales Division. He has lectured at many universities and written a large number of articles on urban planning and related subjects. He has excelled in every possible field of the profession.

The medal's presentation is combined with the delivery of a Memorial Lecture. The tenth Sidney Luker Memorial Lecture will be given by Mr. T. N. Cappie-Wood, Director of the New South Wales Department of Decentralisation and Development. Mr. Cappie-Wood is an economics and business management graduate and has been a leading business executive and management consultant both in Australia and London. At present he is the permanent head of the organisation which is charged with attracting development to the State and with assisting its location in a more dispersed way than had been usual till now. The subject of his Memorial Lecture will be the need for economic planning at State level.

The official citation of Mr. Clarke's award, together with full details of his career, will be distributed at the media Conference at the Royal Australian Planning Institute Headquarters, 196 Miller Street, North Sydney, at 10 A.M. on Monday, 3 February, 1975.