

Michael Clarke

Michael Clarke is a civil engineer who worked 40 years in the NSW Department of Public Works in a variety of capacities, which included administration of coastal zone management and extensive experience in floodplain management. He was closely involved in preparation of the NSW Floodplain Development Manual.

In 1987 he became Chief Engineer and during his term of office was involved with the Department's response to the Newcastle earthquake and the flooding of Nyngan.

He joined the Sydney Engineering Heritage Committee in 1990 and since retiring in 1992, Michael has been Chair of both the Sydney Engineering Heritage Committee and Engineering Heritage Australia, and remains a member of both. He was appointed the first engineering representative on the Sydney Opera House Conservation Council and in April 2005 was appointed as the first engineering representative on the NSW Heritage Council's Register Committee.

Michael was joint author with historian Lenore Coltheart of the paper *The Heritage of Waste* presented to the 1990 Engineering Heritage Conference, and was author of the papers *The Heritage in People: Oral History in Engineering* and *Oral History in Engineering: Issues and Opportunities*, presented respectively to the 1986 and the 2003 Engineering Heritage Conferences.