GLEN HOLDSWORTH

I'm not sure how many of you had met Glen – he truly was an icon in the Parking Industry for more than 40 years.

Glen graduated from Melbourne Uni as a Civil Engineer, followed by an Engineering Masters in Highways. He started working at VicRoads, then Ove Arup, and in 1982 founded TTM (Transport and Traffic Management), which eventually had offices in every state and provided a wide range of services including transport planning, traffic engineering, road design and parking equipment.

Glen managed and conducted thousands of transport, traffic engineering and parking management and equipment projects across the country and was a well-regarded expert witness in relation to development applications and road accidents.

In the late 1980's he started publishing and editing Traffic and Parking - the only journal devoted to Australian Parking issues. He was also a founding member and President of what was called the Parking Association of Australia Inc. It was a fully volunteer driven association and he put a huge amount of time and effort into organising two-yearly conferences outside of the major cities including Hobart and the Gold Coast. He was President for six years, and the PAA granted him a well-deserved Life Membership.

I was fortunate to be on the PA committee with Glen and also bumped up against him as a competitor on parking and equipment projects. Our committee meetings were not always easy, as we had some really lazy members (who were just after the free flights and meals), but we did have a lot of laughs after the meetings.

He especially saw the funny side of people who because they park, have an opinion on how it should be supplied and managed. But only if you have worked in the industry do you learn its not as simple or easy as everyone expects. It's a tough gig and if you take yourself too seriously, you shouldn't be in the industry.

Glen loved life, and he lived it to the full. He was a gifted guitarist, a not so gifted golfer and he had a one-eyed view that Queensland was the best place on earth.

He fully supported his sons in business and sport and at age 60, got his CAMS motor racing licence and then raced at Bathurst with his two sons Lee and Brett.

Glen died too early at age 72. He leaves his wife Di, two sons and six grandchildren.

Glen put a lot of effort into Parking Australia – he not only made a difference for all of us who have worked in the business, but also got a lot of fun out of Parking and made many long standing friendships.

If you enjoy the Parking industry, and want to get more out of it, I strongly recommend you join Parking Australia, and consider serving on a committee – it will widen your perspective and opportunities, and you won't regret it.

Larry Schneider