

Member Awards - Bill Middleton

In this series we feature IIA-Australia Members who have been recognised with awards past and present.

Name

William (Bill) Middleton CIA, PFIIA, FCPA, BBus,
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Location

Sydney, NSW

Professional role

My last full-time position was Director of Audit at NSW
Department of Education from 1997 until retiring in 2018.

What award did you win?

Bob McDonald Award.

How did the award come about?

After several years as an external auditor, I started my first internal audit role in 1985 and was fortunate enough to attend the IIA International Conference in Sydney that year. I was very impressed by the scale and quality of the conference experience, so I joined the IIA the following year. I started my volunteer journey as a member of the NSW Chapter Council in 1989. From there my support of the IIA-Australia continued with the role of NSW Chapter Chair 1992–1993 and serving on the IIA-Australia National Board 1993–2006, holding positions as Director, President, Past President, Director-at-Large. From 2006 through to 2020 I held roles on the IIA Global International Board and a number of international committees including the International Relations Committee, International Conference Committee, IIA Research Foundation Board of Trustees, Certifications Committee and finally the Professional Certifications Board. During my time as a volunteer I encouraged growth in membership and championed the take-up of certifications. I received the Bob McDonald Award in recognition of my service and achievements over many years volunteering for the IIA in Australia and internationally.

What came out of receiving the award?

When I embarked on my internal audit career, I never envisioned receiving an award for anything, let alone my volunteer service. It was truly an honour to be recognised by my peers as a worthy recipient of the award.

What are you doing now?

Since retiring from full-time work I have taken up a role on the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Audit and Risk Committee, some quality assurance review work, and continue to grow my self-managed superannuation audit client base.

