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2019 Frank Lowy Fellowship winner highlights the power of new business opportunities and outcomes

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) is pleased to announce that Mr Dennis Michael, Head of Commercial, Brand iQ and New Business, QICGRE, has been awarded the *Frank Lowy Fellowship* for 2019, becoming the third Fellow of the prestigious industry initiative. Mr Michael was awarded at a function last night attended by the SCCA Board of Directors and all 2019 Fellowship nominees.

The Fellowship was established in recognition of the contribution made by Sir Frank Lowy AC to the Australian shopping centre industry and launched in 2016 when Mr Lowy stepped down as Chairman of Scentre Group. The Fellowship is sponsored by Scentre Group.

The Fellowship is awarded to a talented person who has demonstrated distinction in their professional field and a commitment to shopping centre industry excellence.

Sir Frank Lowy AC has stated: "While the Fellowship bears my name, it is all about the industry's talented people, and rewarding and recognising them and fostering the next generation of leaders, collaborators and innovator thinkers. I am delighted it has become an important industry initiative run annually by the Shopping Centre Council of Australia".

Mr Peter Allen, the Chairman of the SCCA, and CEO of Scentre Group, made the following comments:

"I warmly congratulate Dennis on being awarded the 2019 Frank Lowy Fellowship, which presents a unique opportunity to be an influential advocate for our dynamic industry", said Mr Allen.

"Mr Michael has been awarded the Fellowship based on his leadership and delivery of commercial outcomes across mall media, experience, digital and content curation, and innovative approaches to retail leasing such as pop-up stores to encourage retailers to open their first physical locations", said Mr Allen.

Mr Michael intends to use the Fellowship to attend a course at the Harvard Business School on digital platforms.

For 2019, the judging panel has also awarded two High Commendations, being: Ms Erin Donnellon, Manager, Digital Delivery, ISPT and; Mr Nicholas Irvine, General Manager – Operations, Vicinity Centres.

"I congratulate Erin and Nick for their High Commendations. The judging panel was impressed by Erin's creation of a new customer experience centre known as Foy's Arcade, and Nick's delivery of innovation in shopping centre operations, including the trialling of autonomous robotic cleaning solutions", said Mr Allen.

Mr Allen concluded by noting that the 2019 Fellowship process has been a great affirmation of the strength and diversity of talent in Australia's shopping centre industry.

"The SCCA looks forward to growing awareness and recognition of the Fellowship in 2020, to help foster our next generation of leaders."

The 2019 Fellowship nominations were reviewed against various criteria by a panel of SCCA Directors and senior industry leaders as follows: Mr Peter Allen, CEO, Scentre Group; Ms Susan MacDonald, Head of Retail, Mirvac; Mr Michael O'Brien, Managing Director, Global Real Estate, QICGRE; Mr Andrew Byars, General Manager Property Investments, Perron Group; Mr Anthony Mellowes, CEO, SCA Property Group

For more information, visit www.scca.org.au/franklowyfellowship. Nominations for the 2020 Frank Lowy Fellowship will open in mid-2020.

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