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**Cardno farewells co-founder and Sydney Harbour Bridge engineer
Obituary of Harold Davies**

Harold Davies' death at the age of 105 on 12 July 2009 marks the end of a remarkable life of the former engineer.

Mr Davies was part of the team who created an Australian icon, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and co-founder of global professional services firm, Cardno.

Mr Davies had a long and fulfilling life. Growing up in Sydney, Mr Davies attended Ashfield High. He completed a Bachelor and then a Masters degree in Civil Engineering from Sydney University.

During the Harbour Bridge Project Mr Davies was one of the engineers involved in the total bridge construction, and a supervising engineer on the arch of the bridge when the north and south arches were joined.

During World War Two Mr Davies was assigned to the United States Army in Brisbane. In his time in the army he developed a number of innovative engineering solutions to assist with General Douglas MacArthur's Pacific Islands' campaign.

In 1945, following the end of the Second World War Mr Davies and fellow engineer, Gerry Cardno established Brisbane-based engineering consultancy Cardno & Davies.

During the post-war boom years of the 1950s – 1970s Cardno & Davies was a driving force in the development of Queensland. The company designed and supervised water supplies, bridges, dams and roads throughout Queensland and sewerage systems in Brisbane and regional towns around the state.

Mr Davies is attributed to have designed the first canal layout plan for canal developments on the Gold Coast, with particular emphasis on flood-proofing.

Across Queensland the firm was renowned for its professionalism and integrity.

In the mid 1970s Harold Davies was awarded an MBE for services to the Australian engineering industry and took great pride in receiving the award from the Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

The firm which Harold Davies co-founded has grown to become one of the most successful civil and structural consulting companies in Australia. In 2004, the firm listed on the Australian Securities Exchange as Cardno. Since 2004, the company has expanded internationally, employing more than 3,100 internationally.

Mr Davies retired from Cardno & Davies when he was 75.

"Everyone at Cardno is extremely proud of Harold Davies' legacy. From Cardno & Davies' foundations as an engineering firm and a great Queensland company, Cardno has prospered and evolved into a diverse social

and physical infrastructure services consultancy,” said Andrew Buckley, Managing Director of Cardno Limited.

“Harold Davies’ founding vision was to build a company committed to innovation and high quality. This philosophy remains integral to our operations more than 64 years after Harold co-founded the firm,” said Mr Buckley.

Throughout his life Mr Davies was regarded by his private and business associates as a man of great integrity, intelligence and professionalism.

Engineers Australia recently planted of a tree in Mr Davies honour at the Canberra International Arboretum and Gardens. The tree planting is in recognition of individuals who have delivered conspicuous service to the Australian people through the engineering profession.

Mr Davies is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carmel; their three children, John, Geraldine and Claudia; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Harold Davies, Civil Engineer, MBE HonFIEAust CPEng

Born: 17 November 1903

Died: Brisbane, 12 July 2009



L to R: Richard Kell, Harold and Carmel Davies and Andrew Buckley, Client Function 2003



L to R: Clarrie King, Former Brisbane Lord Mayor – Sally-Ann Atkinson and Harold Davies, 1990

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