

## **Commander the Honourable Shane L Stone RAN(Retd) AC PGDK QC**

Shane Stone is the Australian Governments Coordinator-General for National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery, an Agency Head in the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet. This role assigned by Prime Minister Morrison on 5 December 2019 supersedes his former role as Chairman & CEO of the North Queensland Livestock Industry Recovery Agency (NQLIRA) following the devastating monsoon and floods in January 2019. Shane Stone is Chairman of the Order of Australia Council, the penultimate authority that recommends to the



Governor-General Australia's civil honors list. Shane's commercial engagements comprised an annual turnover (public and private associated entities in the UK and Australia), exceeding \$USD3.5 billion; roles included Deputy Chairman of UK listed Impellam Group (one of the world's largest providers of Managed Services and Specialist Staffing), and Chairman of the Mayfair Limited Group in Australia (construction and

financial services). He was formerly Chairman of the QLD State power utility Energex Limited, a Director of Thiess, one of Australia's largest construction and mine contracting firms operating in Indonesia and India. Shane Stone was part of the Australian team that negotiated the historic North West Shelf LNG sale to China in 2001 estimated at \$USD25 billion. Shane Stone was formerly a barrister in Victoria and NSW, Legal Practitioner (NT) and as First Law Officer on application received a Commission as Queens Counsel in 1997.

Shane Stones philanthropic work has included National Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Australia, President of the Order of Australia Association, National Chairman of the Defence Reserve Support Council, a Director of the Australian Children's Television Foundation and National Patron Dragon Boat Federation.

Throughout Shane's working life as a barrister, Member of Parliament and businessman he served in the Australian Navy Reserve where he gained his Commission as a Seaman Officer and retired in 2016 following 40 years' service. He is a recipient of the Reserve Force Medal and the Australian Defence Medal. He is also the recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh Award of Australia Gold Distinguished

Service Medal. He was the Inaugural Chairman of the Centre for Military & Security Law at the Australian National University Law School.

Shane Stone is an alumnus of the Australian National University, Melbourne Law School, Adelaide and Sturt Universities and a former Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law Cambridge University. He is a Life Member and Fellow of the Australian College of Educators; a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, also the Australian Institute of Management and of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia. He was made an Honorary Life Member of LAWASIA in 1996 in recognition of his active support for the Rule of Law in Asia and the Pacific.

Shane Stone served as a President of the NT Country Liberal Party (1986 – 1989; 2016 - 2017), Federal President of the Liberal Party of Australia during the Howard Government (1999 – 2005) and Chief Minister of the Northern Territory (1995 – 1999); he held various senior Cabinet posts dating from 1990 before his election as Chief Minister. He is a Life Member Victorian Division Liberal Party and of the NT CLP.

Shane Stone has undertaken various tasks for successive Governments including Chairing the Northern Australia Advisory Group informing and advising the Commonwealth White Paper on Developing Northern Australia: 'Our North, Our Future: White Paper on Developing Northern Australia'.

At various times Shane Stone has been acknowledged as an informed commentator on ASEAN, China and Indonesia.

Shane Stone was conferred a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list June 2006; awarded for eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or humanity at large it is the most senior civilian award conferred in Australia. He also holds awards from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Imperial Crown Council of Ethiopia. A number of ethnic communities in the NT accorded Shane Life Membership in recognition of his support over many years. He is the only Chief Minister to have been so recognized.

Shane Stone is a 6<sup>th</sup> generation Australian, a direct descendant of a First Fleet convict who disembarked the Prince of Wales Sydney Cove in 1788.

Shane and Josephine married over 42 years ago; they have 2 adult children. Josephine Stone AM is a graduate of Melbourne Law School, a legal practitioner with a long history of philanthropic activity including Red Cross, Zonta, NT Women's

Advisory Council and Darwin Private Hospital Advisory Board. Josephine is a Council Member of the Australian War Memorial and formerly served on the Commonwealth's Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee. Josephine and Shane divide their time between Brisbane and Darwin. Josephine was conferred a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2007. Her citation read: "For service to the community of the Northern Territory, and to the law".

