## **Shane and Josephine Stone Testimonial**

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Dear Pearl

On February 7 Shane Stone retired as Chief Minister. After 9 years as a Minister, including 4 as Chief Minister, in his own words, 'enough was enough'. On February 9, the NT News editorial wrote 'for Shane Stone, his stewardship of the NT Economy will remain the major highlight of his 4 year term'.

Shane left us with economic prospects that have never looked better.
As the editorial went on to say 'as an energetic politician who worked hard to make things happen, he commanded respect. Among his state and federal colleagues, he will be missed, particularly by Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett who observed yesterday that Australian politics had lost an astute lateral thinker'.

Prime Minister John Howard was of a similar view. It was Shane Stone who finally delivered federal government support for the railway, advanced the industrial infrastructure of the Territory, drove the economy and put LNG firmly on the agenda he was and remains a *'rainmaker'*.

On Friday, March 26 you have an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Shane and Josephine Stone — Territorians true.

Venue - Kalymnian Hall (McMillians Road, Marrara)

Date - 26 March 1999 Time - 7.00-7.15pm

Cost - \$80.00 per head prepaid (Casual dress)

RSVP - Mandy (8947 0888) Annette (8981 4644)

There will be a number of high profile speakers — a journey down memory lane. Prime Minister John Howard will be linked by satellite to the event.

Time to say thanks, all the best for the future. A presentation will be made to Shane and Josephine. If you would like to add to the cover charge, please ring me direct on 8947 0888

Yours faithfully

