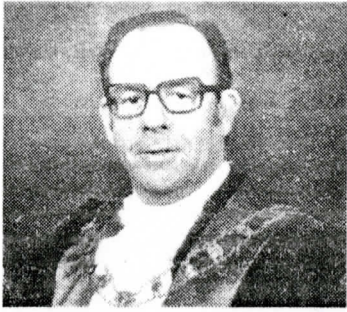


Strength to streng

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Les Stone

ALBURY people derided the town across the river as straggletown.

But early in the 21st century, Wodonga will have a population greater than that of its northern neighbour.

During Wodonga's early years, its focus was on the railway and the surrounding cattle properties.

It was the 1960s that set Wodonga on the path that now seems destined to make it the largest individual city in the North East and Southern Riverina.

LES STONE

Just 30 years ago Wodonga was a small city of about 12,000.

Today it is more than 30,000.

That growth is largely due to the creation of the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation, and former mayor Mr Les Stone played a huge role in its creation and the position of Wodonga within it.

Mr Stone, with his strong but community-minded leadership, was able to bring Wodonga along for what has been an exciting ride.

PAM STONE

Mrs Stone became the first female deputy mayor for Wodonga - next she became the first woman mayor.

Many in education circles credit Mrs Stone's commitment to winning the La Trobe University and a TAFE.

She reportedly paid for trips to Melbourne out of her own pocket to give Wodonga students a chance to further their tertiary education in their own city.

Her son Shane went on to lead the Northern Territory.



Pam Stone