

MR KENNETH EDWARD MORONEY

Citation for Conferral of Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*)

The Award of Doctor of the University recognises the distinguished contribution of Commissioner Kenneth Edward Moroney, AO, APM, to policing in Australia, and especially New South Wales, and to police education. It also recognises a long and much valued collaboration with Charles Sturt University in the service of police education.

Ken Moroney joined the NSW Police Service in 1965. During the first 21 years of his police career he served in both metropolitan and regional police stations and in both general and specialist positions. This service included periods at West Wyalong, Lismore and Coraki.

In 1987 Ken Moroney was appointed as the inaugural Director of the Police Recruit Education Program (PREP) at the then Policy Academy at Goulburn with the rank of superintendent. In this role Ken Moroney became a leader in the development of improved training and education for police for the purposes of improving police practice and professionalism.

In June 1993 Ken Moroney's leadership as Executive Director, NSW Police, led to a partnership being formed with CSU to support police education and training. This partnership was initially focused on constables' development and involved the collaborative development and delivery of professional development for serving police in their fourth and fifth years of service. This Constables Development Program was a landmark in the history of police education in Australia. For the first time, police were required to undertake university level studies as part of their continuing development.

The Constables Development Program also saw the creation of the collaborative model of police education. This model has proven an effective way of drawing together the expertise of police and university staff to support professional education and applied research. It has since been applied to many other aspects of police education, in New South Wales, Australia and internationally.

An important reason for the success of the collaborative model was the development of the NSW Police College under Ken Moroney's leadership to become a high quality tertiary institution. This reflected Ken Moroney's personal commitment to professional education and to building links between policing and universities. It is notable that Ken Moroney was one of the first members of the police force to undertake formal tertiary studies – in Justice Administration at CSU's predecessor institution, Mitchell CAE. He has since completed a Master of Arts Degree at Macquarie University.

1993 proved to be the beginning of a partnership between CSU and NSW Police which continues to this day. Among its major achievements has been that adoption from 1998 of the collaborative model as the basis for NSW recruit education.

In January 1997 Ken Moroney was appointed as Commander, City East Region. On 1 July 1999 he was promoted to Deputy Commissioner, Specialist Operations.

In September 2001, and following his appointment as Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations, he assumed responsibility for all field operations and became State Emergency

Operations Controller for New South Wales. In January 2002 he was appointed Senior Deputy Commissioner.

In April 2002 he was appointed Acting Commissioner, NSW Police, and on 27 May 2002 he was sworn in as the State's twentieth Police Commissioner.

During his police career Ken Moroney has received many recognitions for outstanding service.

In 1992, he was awarded the Australian Police Medal for distinguished service. In the same year he was highly commended by the Commissioner of Police as the Commander of an operation mounted to negotiate the release of more than 40 hostages held at gunpoint during a prolonged siege at Liverpool.

In 1997, the then Assistant Commissioner Moroney was highly commended by the NSW Cabinet and the Commissioner of Police for his role in the disaster recovery and rescue co-ordination effort at the scene of the Thredbo landslide disaster. In 2000, Deputy Commissioner Moroney was also highly commended by the Commissioner of Police in recognition of his leadership and meritorious service leading up to and during the conduct of the Olympic Games in Sydney. He was commended in his role as the State Emergency Operations Controller during the Christmas Bush Fires, 2001.

Between 1977 and 1987, Ken Moroney was an executive member of the New South Wales Police Association and, prior to his appointment to Commissioned Officer rank, was the Deputy President of that Association. In recognition of his service to the Association, he was granted life membership in 1987.

Commissioner Moroney was awarded the honour of Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours List in January, 2006.

On 31 August 2007, Commissioner Moroney retired after 42 years of distinguished service.

Chancellor, I present for the award of Doctor of the University, Kenneth Edward Moroney, AO, APM.

Dated this Sixteenth Day of May Two Thousand and Eight