

## **MR IAN MACINTOSH, AM**

### **Citation for Conferral of the Award Companion of the University**

Mr Ian Macintosh AM has been, and continues to be, one of Charles Sturt University's greatest supporters, having worked as a consultant, in governance as a member of the University Council, and as community leader. Ian's support and commitment to the ongoing development of Charles Sturt University has continued in the ceremonial role of Pro Chancellor.

Ian has a rural and regional background, having worked in a farming and rural business in central NSW until 1973 when he moved into public and government relations consulting in Canberra. He relocated to Bathurst in 1991 and worked with the University in developing its profile within the community and with regional and national business.

In 1995, Ian Macintosh was elected to Bathurst City Council and served as Mayor for nine years. In this role, he was a significant servant of the community and recognised the partnership role that could be exercised between the city and the University. In this capacity, Ian Macintosh was influential not only in the development of the Bathurst Campus of Charles Sturt University, but also in the provision of tertiary education in regional communities. As well as this significant and long-lasting contribution, Ian Macintosh continues to have a major impact within the local community.

Ian's involvement with Charles Sturt University spans more than a decade. In 1999, Ian became a member of the Council of the Charles Sturt University. His standing in Council was recognised when in 2003 he was appointed Deputy Chancellor, a position Ian held until his retirement from Council in 2007. The appointment of Ian to the position of Deputy Chancellor acknowledged his wisdom, commitment and total dedication to the furtherance of Charles Sturt University's goals and ambitions to become a leader in regional engagement, learning and research.

In 2006 Ian was awarded as a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to local government and regional development, particularly through the facilitation of major public infrastructure projects, to higher education, and to public relations.

Besides his involvement with the Council, Ian has held many other honorary positions with the University, freely giving his time, skills and knowledge as a member of many committees and an advisor.

Ian's contacts in the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) has led to the development of a relationship which has enabled Charles Sturt University to progress further its priority in the research area of agriculture.

In 2010, Ian was elected as the inaugural Pro Chancellor of Charles Sturt University. The Pro Chancellor office was a newly created ceremonial position that represents the University at official functions. His appointment to this office reflected the view of University Council of his capacity as a key representative of the institution.

Mr Ian Macintosh AM has demonstrated a commitment and dedication to this University and its region that makes him a most appropriate recipient of the award, Companion of the University.

**Dated this Seventeenth day of December Two Thousand and Eleven**