

## **Mr Ian Stewart**

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

Mr Ian Stewart was the 19th Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service serving in that role from November 2012 until July 2019.

Mr Stewart was a career police officer with over 45 years of service having held numerous senior positions across a broad range of portfolios within the Queensland Police Service.

Mr Stewart holds a Master of Public Policy and Administration, Charles Sturt University and a Bachelor of Business Studies, University of Southern Queensland. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia and a graduate from the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He successfully completed the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Executive Institute. He remains a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders, based in the United States.

Mr Stewart is the recipient of the Australian Fulbright Professional Scholarship, Australian Police Medal, National Emergency Medal, National Police Service Medal, National Medal, and a number of Queensland Police Awards and Government Citations. He has also been awarded The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Government of Papua New Guinea for services to policing in that country.

During his time as the Commissioner, Mr Stewart set new values for the Queensland Police Service of *Courage, Fairness and Pride*. Along with espousing new values, Mr Stewart detailed three key objectives for the organisation of stopping crime; making the community safer (including stopping road trauma) and building relationships across the community.

Mr Stewart was instrumental in leading the Queensland Police Service through a Renewal Program and the Police and Community Safety Review, the most significant periods of reform since the Fitzgerald era. The reforms introduced by Mr Stewart empowered the Queensland Police Service to redefine its service delivery model, and better meet the needs of the community through a heightened emphasis on front line policing and engagement with the public.

Mr Stewart implemented a visionary holistic program of organisational renewal for the Queensland Police Service to convey an integrated service delivery model that met community expectations and delivered value for money. He consistently leveraged technological advancements to enhance the safety of the community and police alike. The Queensland Police Service is considered a world leader in police mobility as a result.

Mr Stewart was pivotal in the strategic leadership of the Queensland Police Service through the security arrangements for Operation Southern Cross, the largest peacetime security operation in Australian policing history, the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2014. More recently, he led the policing and security response for 'Operation Sentinel', the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018.

Mr Stewart was a detective in his early career and an operational officer throughout his service. He remains committed to fairness for all and has a strong relationship with all religious, ethnic and community service organisations. He has championed the '*Our People Matter*' strategy, designed to empower and support all members of the Queensland Police Service in the pursuit of well-being.

In early 2014, the Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security, then in its fourth year of delivering police leadership and management training for senior Indian Police Service officers, approached Queensland Police to explore the potential level of interest in supporting this prestigious international program. Readily acknowledging the strategic significance of the program towards developing senior officers in the world's largest democracy and the importance of forging relations with an international policing ally, the Commissioner's response was overwhelmingly positive.

At no cost to Charles Sturt University, Commissioner Stewart hosted consecutive study tours for large groups of visiting senior Indian Police Service officers, providing them with valuable exposure to Queensland Police Service facilities, operations and senior police personnel.

Separately, he seconded Assistant Commissioners and Chief Superintendents as Visiting Fellows and Presenters on six consecutive four-week programs, delivered at the National Police Academy in Hyderabad and he personally visited the Academy as Charles Sturt University's Keynote-Guest Speaker. The value of these contributions cannot be easily assessed, but direct feedback from the National Police Academy and from the Ministry of Home Affairs India, suggests that the Indian Police Service's relations with their Australian police counterparts are better than they are with any other nation.

Since 2014, Charles Sturt University's profile and reputation in teaching police sciences has significantly developed in Queensland. Some twenty Queensland Police Service Police Superintendents have completed or are near completion of their Masters studies with the Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security; enrolments from serving Queensland Police Service officers are now a regular feature, and in addition qualified, serving Queensland Police Service officers teach onto the School's graduate programs. All of these developments were achieved with the influence and support of Mr Stewart.

After nearly 46 years as a police officer, delivering outstanding public service, Mr Stewart retired on the 7th July 2019.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you Mr Ian Stewart, Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*).

**Dated this Twentieth Day of December Two Thousand and Nineteen**