

## **MR DOUGLAS STEPHEN SHEARS**

### **Citation for the conferral of a Doctor of Applied Science (*honoris causa*)**

Douglas Stephen Shears was born in Melbourne in 1946 and lived the early part of his life in the Yarra Valley, Victoria. In his early twenties, he established a farming operation in the Victorian Wimmera and in 1975 moved to the Riverina area of New South Wales where he continues to farm.

Doug Shears is well known for his views on the need for Australian agribusiness to be global in its activities in order to survive. Today, he is involved in integrated production processing and marketing operations throughout Australia and Asia, including large scale pastoral and horticultural activities, feedlots and abattoirs and food and beverage processing and manufacture.

As Founding Chairman of the Uncle Tobys company and subsequently as Executive Chairman of ICM Australia, one of this country's largest privately owned integrated agribusiness organisations, Doug Shears is arguably Australia's leading agribusinessman. He is also Executive Chairman of the Australian Primary Trust, a joint venture between some of Australia's major institutions and ICM Australia.

As Founder and Chairman of the Agribusiness Foundation of Australia, he is committed to raising the awareness and quality of agribusiness education and its importance to Australia's future prosperity.

In recent times his expertise and national standing have resulted in his appointments to the Prime Minister's Science and Engineering Council, the Agrifood Council, the National Investment Council and to the boards of CSIRO and the Australian Food Industry Science Centre.

Doug Shears has made an outstanding contribution to agricultural production, to food processing and to agribusiness generally. His influence in the Riverina has been noteworthy and his promotion of Australia is dauntless.

Douglas Stephen Shears, primary producer, food processor, marketer, international businessman, entrepreneur, national adviser - a truly great Australian - is admitted to the degree Doctor of Applied Science (*honoris causa*).

**Dated this Twenty Third day of April One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven**