

BRUCE A.R. SCOTT CSC ADC

“Who you are is a direct consequence of what you do!” Bruce Scott 25 May 2006

Bruce Scott is the son of a grazier, grandson of a World War I veteran and the Grandnephew of a Gallipoli veteran. Bruce grew up on the family grazing property near Roma where he learned to shoot at an early age – his father was a competent shotgun and pistol shooter. He completed his secondary school education in Queensland. He holds a Graduate Diploma in Management Studies and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Bruce served the Australian Defence Force for 44 years attaining Brigadier rank and enjoyed a variety of commands. He transferred from the Regular Army to the Army Reserve in 2001. His operational deployments include Malaysia, Somalia and Afghanistan. He is a graduate of the Australian Army Command and Staff College and is the recipient of honours and awards for distinguished and conspicuous service to Australia. Bruce is currently the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Queensland Regiment and an Honorary Aide de Camp to the Governor General of Australia.

After retiring from the Regular Army, Bruce held corporate positions including the North Queensland Regional Manager of a national credit union, the North Queensland Regional Representative of a private health insurance company and the Assistant General Manager of the Townsville Correctional Centre with specific responsibility for the management and operation of the men’s prison.

As an experienced company director, Bruce has held the positions of Chairman of the North Queensland Area Holiday Resorts (8 years), Director of the National Rifle Association (3 years), Director of Shooting Australia (7 years) and Director of the Australian Military Bank (2013 to 2022). He has chaired a number of board committees during his company director appointments.

For the past 20 years Bruce has served his local community through Rotary and been twice recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow. Being passionate about history, Bruce accepted the position of Patron of the Family History Association of North Queensland (2019-2023).

Bruce is an experienced shooting sports administrator having held positions from club to international level. He was a member of the North Queensland Rifle Association Council for 20 years holding the position of Chairman or Deputy Chairman from 2003 to 2019 and for most of those years was on the National Rifle Association of Australia Council. He was the founding President of the Army Rifle Association (1984) and the Executive Vice President of New South Wales Rifle Association (1995-1997). Bruce was a member of various International Confederation of Target Rifle Associations (ICFRA) Committees from 2003-2010 and joined the ICFRA Council in 2020. He was the Media Commentator for full-bore at 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games, the On Field Announcer for full-bore at 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and Chief Referee for 2019 World Long Range Championships in New Zealand.

As a keen member of a school cadet rifle team, Bruce competed with .303 rifles and in 1974 was introduced to full-bore shooting. He has been a member of six Australian rifle clubs and the Canadian New Brunswick Rifle Club (1985-86). He has achieved considerable success at all levels of individual and team competition including Gold and Silver medals in the 2006 Commonwealth Games and the Bronze medal in the 2007 Palma Match. He has coached junior teams to success in New Zealand in 1998 (U21) and 2004 (U25). Bruce retired from international and national shooting competition in 2010.

Bruce was awarded the 2006 and 2007 Townsville Senior Sports Person of the Year and the 2007 Australia Day Medal for Townsville sporting achievement. He has been awarded Life Membership of both the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club and the North Queensland Rifle Association.

Bruce considers leading a small team to research, write and publish (in May 2019) ‘*So You Went Target Rifle Shooting ..*’ - the History of the North Queensland Rifle Association 1886-2017 as his most significant contribution to the sport of full-bore shooting.

Bruce is honoured to be the first member of the full-bore sport to be elected the sport’s National President.