

CHANCELLOR,

I have the honour to present to you, Elizabeth Anne Martin OAM.

It has been said that Liz Martin exhibits all the determination, passion and vision that is needed to succeed in the Northern Territory. And succeed she has.

Liz Martin grew up in the Territory at a time when the pioneering spirit was still the way of life. She grew up listening to the wild stories being told around the campfires by buffalo hunters and pioneering Territorians. She has been reported as saying that their stories must be true as they have the scars to back up their wild stories.

Today Liz Martin is a successful historian, writer, business women and Alice Springs town councillor.

One of Liz's greatest contributions to the community has been her dedication to the Road Transport Historical Society and through this the development of the Road Transport Hall of Fame.

Liz's love affair with road transport probably started in her formative years when she drove the "guts truck" to dispose of buffalo guts from her family abattoir on Marraki Station. Since these early days she has achieved much for the road transport industry.

In 1992 a group of road transport minded enthusiasts convened a meeting to discuss their passion. This led to the creation of the Road Transport Historical Society, a society that Liz would serve as President of for the next 13 years. This group of dedicated like-minded volunteers started to collect all manner of vehicles, photographs, stories, and memorabilia to keep alive and preserve the road transport history for future generations.

One thing led to another and in 1995 the National Road Transport Hall of Fame was officially opened. The concept of the museum is unique in that it shows vehicles as they were in their working lives with all the modifications and adaptations that bush mechanics and engineers had to construct to ensure that the vehicles worked and continued to work in the harsh outback environment. Since 2000 Liz Martin has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Hall of Fame.

For more than 20 years her passion and dedication for the preservation of our road transport history and leadership of dedicated volunteers has led to the Hall of Fame becoming one of the best and most impressive examples of its type. It is highly regarded by all in the road transport industry and is able to attract increasing numbers of visitors from around the nation and the world.

Liz is also deeply involved with other forms of community service through the Transport Women Australia Ltd, the Campervan and Motor Home Club of Australia, the Australasian Motor Museum Association and Holyoake Alice Springs.

Liz has made a significant contribution to the Tourism industry and community in Alice Springs and more broadly across the Northern Territory for many many years.

Liz Martin has been recognised for her contribution to community service through being made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2007.

Also Liz won the Tourism Minister's Perpetual Trophy as part of the annual Brolga Awards in 2009 and in 2011 she was presented with the NT Achiever Award by the Chief Minister.

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In recognition of her outstanding contribution and dedication to community service through the promotion of Australia's unique road transport heritage, has been awarded by the Council of Charles Darwin University, the title of Companion of the University - Elizabeth Anne Martin OAM