

Stephen James Horne

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2019 Bob McDonald Award citation

Stephen Horne is an outstanding member of the Institute of Internal Auditors – Australia. His contribution to the profession in Australia and globally has been considerable. He is a passionate advocate for the internal audit profession actively promoting its growth through his influence on those with whom he comes in contact. Stephen actively upholds the highest professional standards as a member of the internal audit profession. He encourages and mentors upcoming internal auditors in current methods, ongoing professional development and formal credentials (such as CIA).

Stephen has had a career of over 35 years in Internal Audit and with Audit Committees. He joined the NSW public sector in 1978, pursuing a pathway in organisational review and improvement, leading to his appointment as an Assistant Auditor-General for NSW in 2004. From 2006-2015 Stephen was chief executive of the NSW government Internal Audit Bureau, a full-competition Government Trading Enterprise. During this time, Stephen re-oriented the delivery of internal audit services across the NSW Government, formally implemented the IPPF for the NSW public sector and introduced a QAIP approach. Stephen is a founding member of the Corruption Prevention Network. He is currently Principal, Checks Balances and Integrity and is a member of 15 Audit & Risk Committees covering the NSW State Government sector, and the NSW and Victorian Local Government Sectors.

Stephen is an exceptionally committed and active contributor to the advancement of the internal audit profession in Australia and internationally. He has been a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors in Australia since 1 April 1984. He served on the IIA-Australia Board 2009-2017, serving as President in 2013-2015. In 2011-2013, Stephen was the Board liaison and industry member of the Education Committee, which has oversight of the Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing. Prior to his involvement at the national level, Stephen was an active member of the NSW Chapter, serving on the Council 1998-2005, having portfolio responsibility for both the Audit Executive Network and active

professional development program. He was co-Chair of a number of successful SOPACs before joining the National Board in 2009. He was a member of the International Conference Committee in 2004 (Sydney) and Vice Chair (Program) of the International Conference in 2017 (Sydney).

He has provided distinguished service to the profession at the international level, serving as Australia's delegate on the Global Board 2015-2019. During this time he also served on the Professional Issues Committee (2015-2016), the Global Finance Committee (2016), the Global Governance Review Task force (2017-2018) and was Chair of the Global Public Sector Guidance Committee from 2017 to July 2019.

Stephen has been the author of, or contributor to, a number of publications of relevance to the profession including Audit Office of NSW publications *Fraud Control: An integrated framework*; *On Board: Guide to Better Practice for Public Sector Governing & Advisory Boards*; *Fraud Control Improvement Kit*; Standards Australia publications *HB 325-2008 Assuring Probity in Decision Making*; *AS 8000-2004 Corporate Governance* (a suite of Standards); the chapter on fraud control in *The Changing Face of Corruption in the Asia Pacific* (2017); and a contributor to thought leadership publications of the IIA. He also co-authored *Effective Internal Auditing in the Public Sector – A Good Practice Guide* (an IIA-Australia publication published in 2020).

Stephen has also been a regular speaker at various IIA events and has developed and delivered internal audit training courses in Australia and the region.

He has demonstrated the highest professional and ethical practices and in so doing has been an inspiration for many internal auditors and others with whom he has come in contact.

The Bob McDonald Award is the highest honour that can be conferred by the IIA-Australia on one of its members and in the opinion of the Institute of Internal Auditors – Australia Board, Stephen Horne is a most worthy recipient of it.

