



A Tribute to Mr Ian Little

17 March 1956 - 6 June 2006

Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street

Melbourne, Victoria

Thursday, 15 June 2006, 10.00 am



Order of proceedings

9.15am Arrival

10.00am Welcome

Dr Peter Dawkins

Acting Secretary

Department of Treasury and Finance Victoria

10.05am Speakers

The Honourable Steve Bracks MP

Premier of Victoria

The Honourable John Brumby MP

Treasurer of Victoria

Mr Terry Moran

Secretary

Department of Premier and Cabinet Victoria

Dr Ken Henry

Secretary to the Treasury, Australian Government

The Honourable Alan Stockdale

Former Treasurer of Victoria

10.50am Conclusion

11.00am Refreshments



Mr Ian Little

B.Ec(Hons), MSc(LSE), FIPAA, FAICD

Ian Little was appointed Secretary of the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance in 1998.

He began his career at the Reserve Bank in Sydney as an economist in 1979. He spent seven years at the Reserve Bank, moving to Deputy Head of the Finance Section in 1984 and head of the Forecasting Section in 1986.

In 1987 he joined the ANZ Banking Group in Melbourne as Senior Economist. In his six years with ANZ, he became Group Chief Economist in 1990 and Chief Manager, Retail Bank in 1992.

Ian joined the Department of Treasury and Finance as Deputy Secretary in 1994 with responsibilities spanning budget strategy, tax policy, debt and superannuation management and financial relations with the Commonwealth.

One of Ian's key responsibilities was the development and maintenance of a long-term budget strategy for Victoria and creating an enduring capacity within DTF to meet this objective.

In March 1998 he was appointed Secretary.

Over the past eight years, Ian ensured that advice from DTF to Government was strategic, timely and highly competent. He also built strong personal relationships with the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Finance.

Ian completed his Bachelor of Economics degree with Honours at Monash University in 1977 followed by a Master of Science (Economics) from the London School of Economics and Political Science (UK) in 1983/84.

Ian was an active participant in many organisations, including the Committee for the Economic Development of Australia, the Australian Institute of Management, the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, the Economic Society of Australia, the Treasury Corporation of Victoria and the Institute of Public Administration Australia.

In 2003 he received the Centenary Medal.

When he could find the time, Ian enjoyed pursuing two main hobbies – swimming and sailing. He was also a devoted family man.

He is survived by his wife Clair and two children, Kristina 15 and Natalie 11.



Message from Department of Treasury and Finance

Today we celebrate the life of a loving father and husband, trusted colleague and inspirational leader. The passing of Ian Little is a great loss, not only for the individuals who knew and loved him, but for the whole of Victoria.

We come together today to share memories of a man who motivated us, guided us and enriched our lives.

Ian held the position of Secretary of our Department for more than eight years with pride and authority. The fact that he served under two governments is testament to the high regard in which he was held by all, including both sides of politics.

His leadership in the areas of national reform and economic management combined well with his strong sense of the public interest. He was persuasive and influential in shaping Victoria's economic landscape and he positioned our State as an economic think-tank – a visionary for the future. He was energised and passionate about 'making a difference' and striving for DTF's vision of a prosperous future for all Victorians.

His rigour, sense of purpose and commitment to the principles supporting our system of government provided the basis for establishing the department as a widely admired organisation within the broader Australian public sector, business and academic circles.

Ian's wisdom and guidance have been fundamental to the sound management of the Victorian economy. Without DTF as he shaped it, Victoria would be less than it has become.

As a person he was both a notable public service leader, a first rate manager and a highly effective policy adviser. What's more, Ian brought a very human element to the workplace through his compassion and humbleness.

In addition to his many accomplishments and enormous contribution to government in this State, Ian was a great friend to us all.

The Senior Executive Group:

Peter Dawkins, Stein Helgeby, Laurinda Gardner, John Fitzgerald, Warren Hodgson

Ian Little's wife Clair Carter and daughters Kristina and Natalie would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the Victorian Government for conducting the tribute to Ian at the Melbourne Town Hall on Thursday 15 June 2006.

