

Commonwealth Day Council Newsletter

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Commonwealth Day 2021

Our celebration annual lunch for 2021 will be held at The Four Seasons Hotel, 199 George Street, The Rocks, Sydney (former Regent Hotel) on **Monday 8 March 2021** with guest speaker – *Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM, NSW Australian of the Year 2020.*



Shane Fitzsimmons was appointed as the inaugural Commissioner for Resilience NSW and Deputy Secretary, Emergency Management with the Department of Premier and Cabinet from 1 May 2020.

This appointment followed a distinguished career with the NSW Rural Fire Service of over 35 years.

In 1998, Shane was appointed an Assistant Commissioner with the RFS and has held portfolio responsibilities for Operations, Strategic Development and Regional Management.

In 2004, he was appointed the inaugural Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC) Visiting Fellow to the Australian Institute of Police Management (AIPM) for a period of 12 months.

He is a member of the NSW State Emergency Management Committee, the NSW State Rescue Board and a Councillor of the Royal Humane Society of NSW Inc.

He was awarded the National Medal in 1999 and Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) in 2001.

Shane is the NSW representative of the 2021 Australian of the Year.

MC

Our MC is **Michael Photios** an Australian former politician who was Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Justice from 1993 to 1995 in the New South Wales Government.

Ticket Prices

Cost: \$100 per person. Corporate Table (10) \$1,100.

Corporate bookings are welcome with special acknowledgements at the function.

Avoid disappointment: Bookings are essential.

Special arrangements

Due to the refurbishment of the Stranger's Dining Room, NSW Parliament House we have had to make other arrangements this year.

Disabled parking is only available by valet parking for \$69 at the Hotel.

The nearest parking station is Quay West (Wilson) Carpark, 111 Harrington Street, opposite the Four Seasons Hotel.

COVID plan will be in place for this function.

Booking form and COVID Plan:

<https://www.commday.org.au/events/booking-forms-for-lunch/>

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