

UNSW: A PORTRAIT

Looking back over 60 years

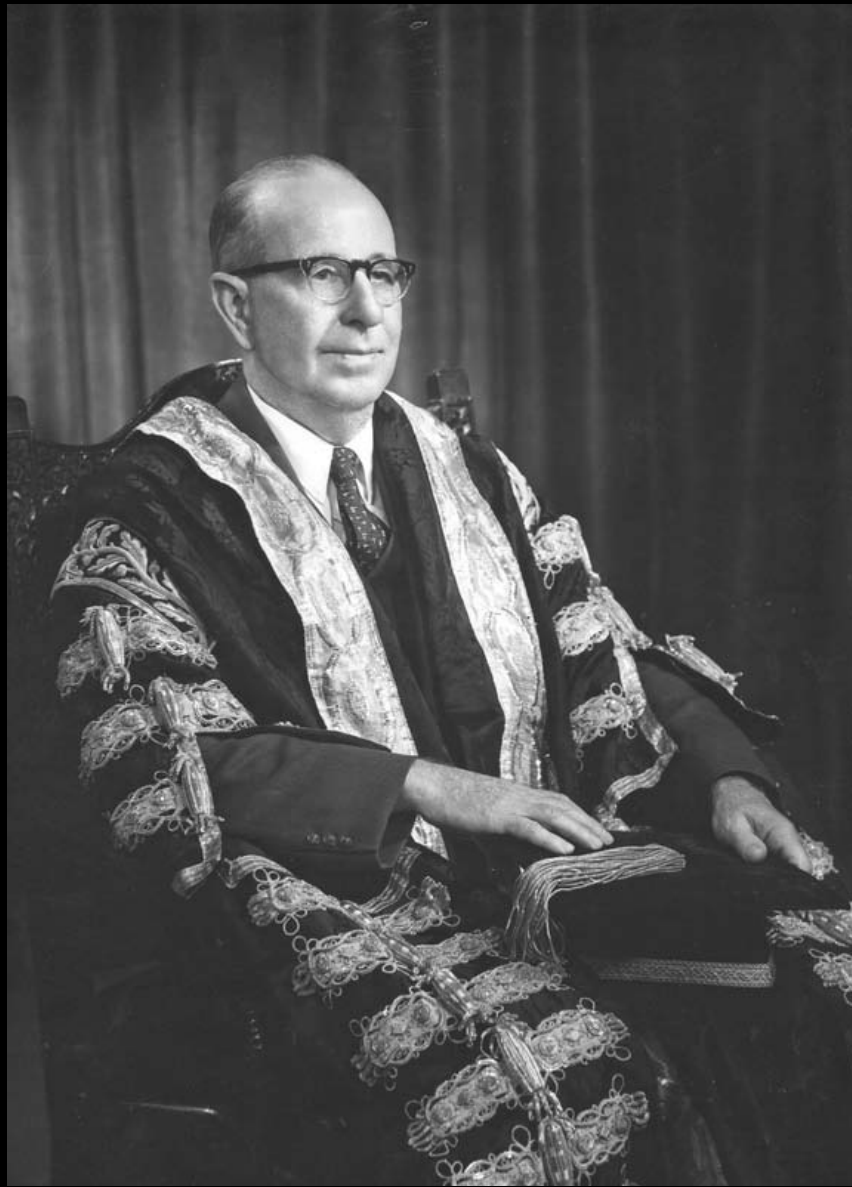
Celebrating **60** YEARS
of extraordinary achievement

The University's transformation from its controversial beginnings in 1949 as the NSW University of Technology to its position, 60 years on, was achieved

“very much under the ordinary time for the course...”

“UNSW was the epitome of the hungry fighter seeking success and recognition.”

-- The Honourable Gordon Samuels, UNSW's longest serving Chancellor and former Governor of NSW



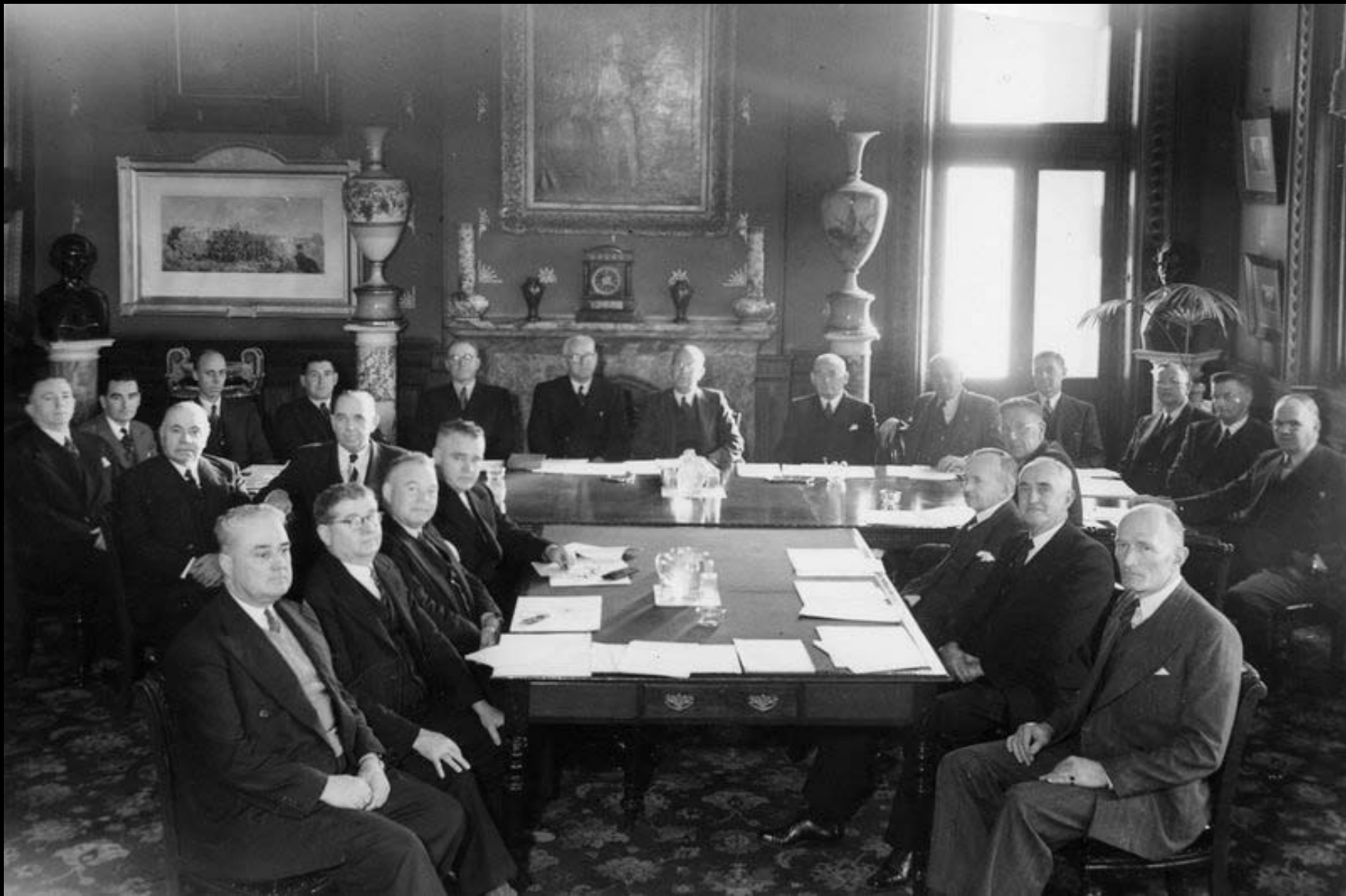
1949–60

Wallace Wurth, the University's first President/Chancellor



1948

David Brewster – one of the first University of Technology students at Ultimo. The inaugural intake of 46 students was enrolled in civil, electrical, mechanical and mining engineering.



1949

First meeting of the governing Council of the University of Technology



1949–52

The University's first Director – Arthur Denning



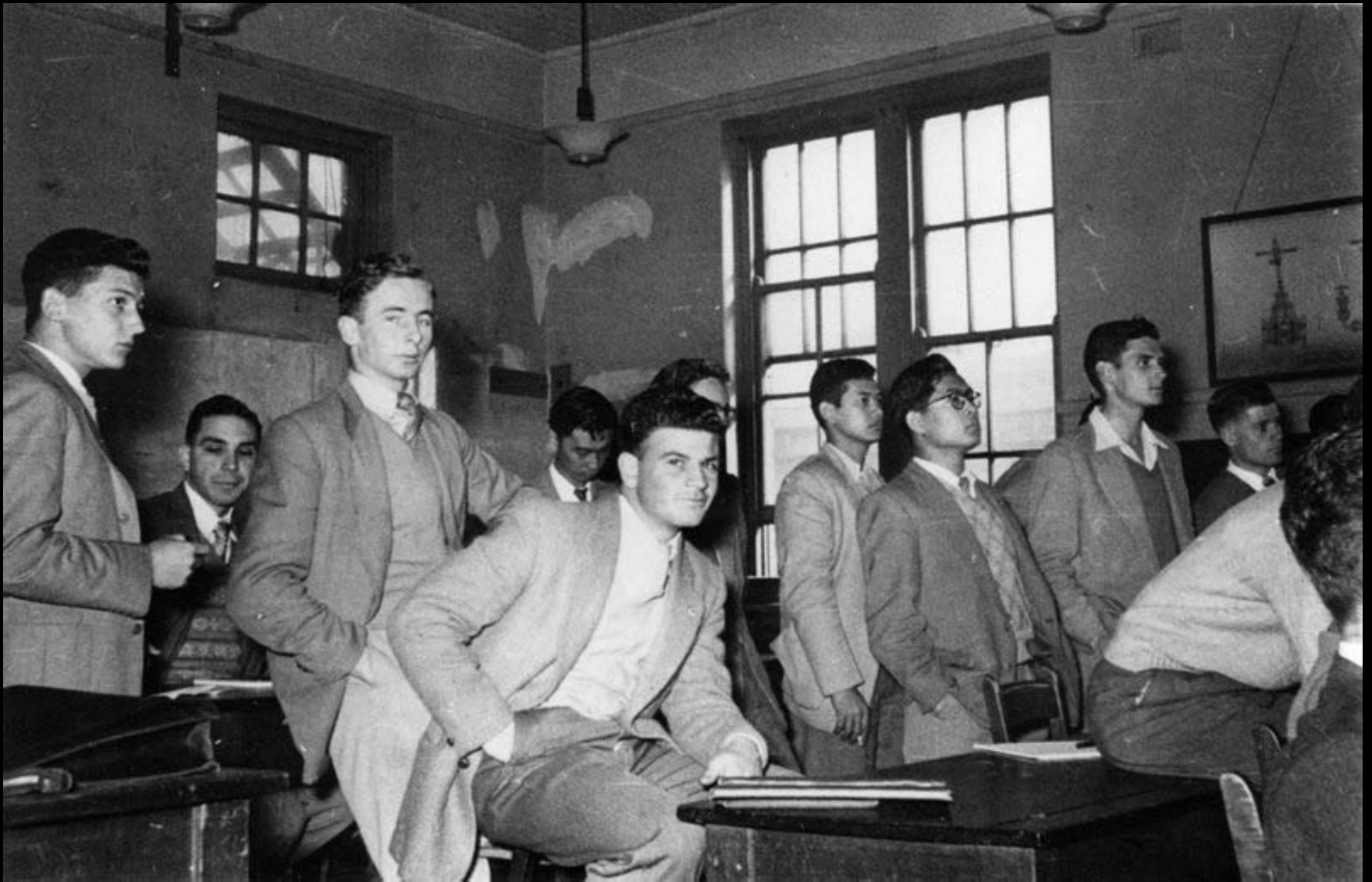
1950

Celebrations on the former Kensington Racecourse at the foundation stone-laying ceremony



1950

Dressing up for the occasion



1950s

Electrical engineering students at Ultimo



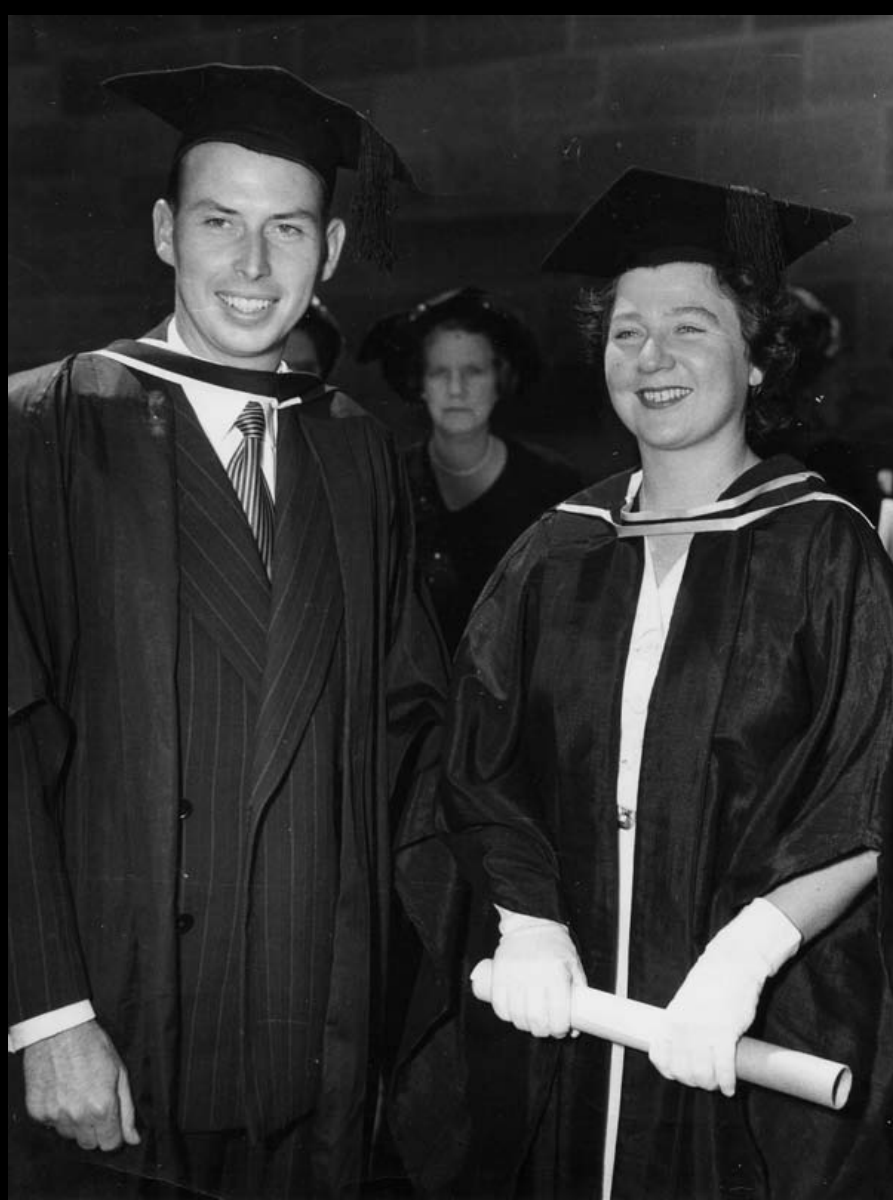
1951

First committee of the Society of Students (forerunner to the Students' Union)



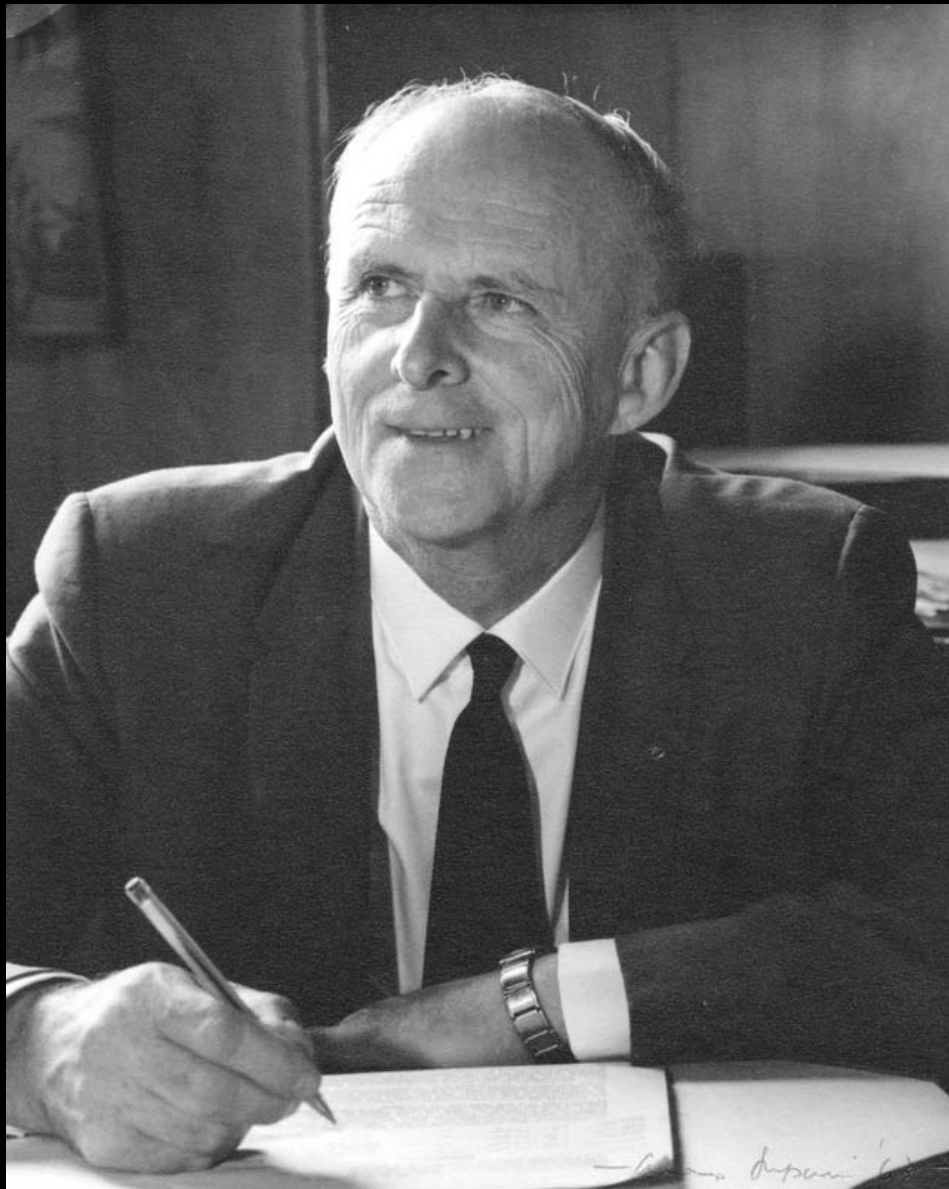
1952

First Graduation Ball, held at the Trocadero. At the first graduation ceremony (at the Great Hall, University of Sydney) 34 degrees were awarded in engineering and science



1952

Among the Class of 1952 was June Griffith, the University's first female graduate (chemistry)



1953–69

Director/Vice-Chancellor Sir Philip Baxter



1954

The University's first building at the Kensington campus under construction (Main Building), seen from Anzac Parade



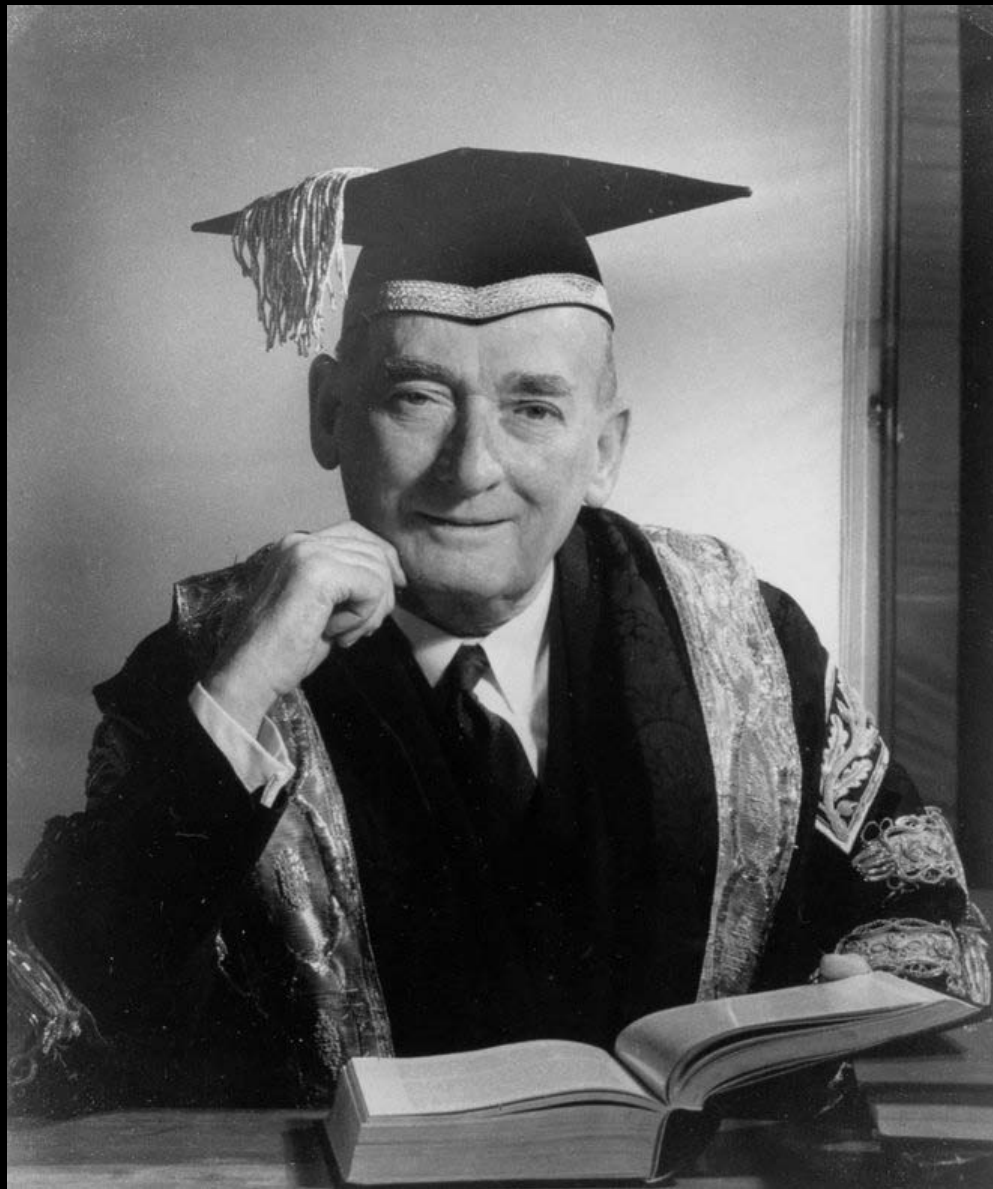
1950s

Dormitory accommodation for early students



1960

**Campus starts to take shape - the University Union building
(later known as the Roundhouse) under construction**



1960–70

Chancellor Sir John Clancy



1961

First enrolments – 75 students – in the Faculty of Medicine



**1960s
Bacchus Ball**



1960s

The University's outreach to Asia and beyond



1963

Architecture, Arts and Commerce – joint graduation ceremony



1963

**Queen Elizabeth II opens the Wallace Wurth School of
Medicine and School of Biological Sciences buildings**



1960s

Student tug-of-war in “Lake Bourke”, which often appeared after heavy rain in the area of the current Village Green



1964

Foundation Day prank – biology students kidnapped a crocodile from Taronga Park – the Zoo eventually paid the “ransom” of 100 pounds



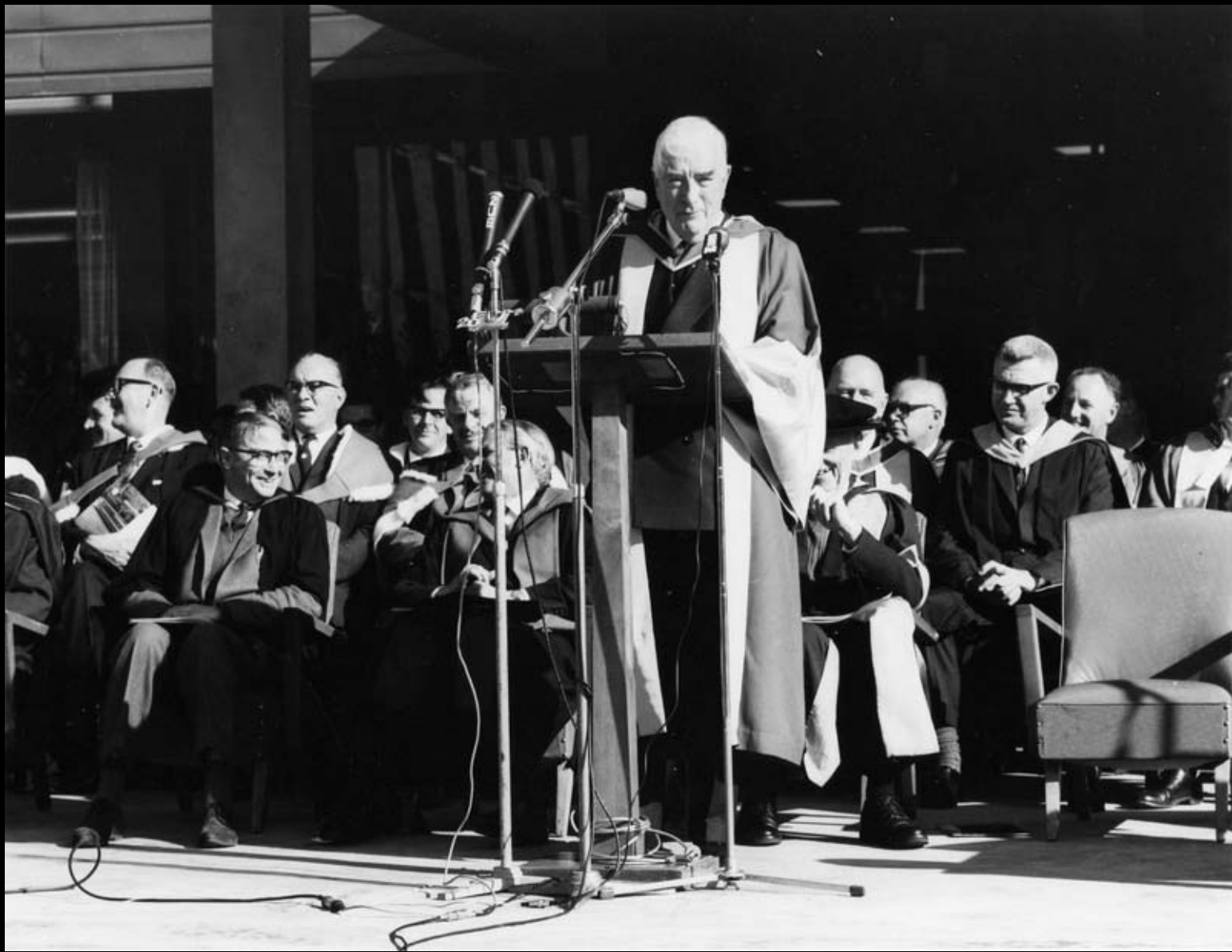
1964

Alison Leigh wins the Miss UNSW crown



1964

View of the main walkway from Anzac Parade, by Max Dupain



1966

Sir Robert Menzies opens the Library



1966

The Library, by Max Dupain



1967

**View from the top of Engineering Road to Anzac Parade,
by Max Dupain**



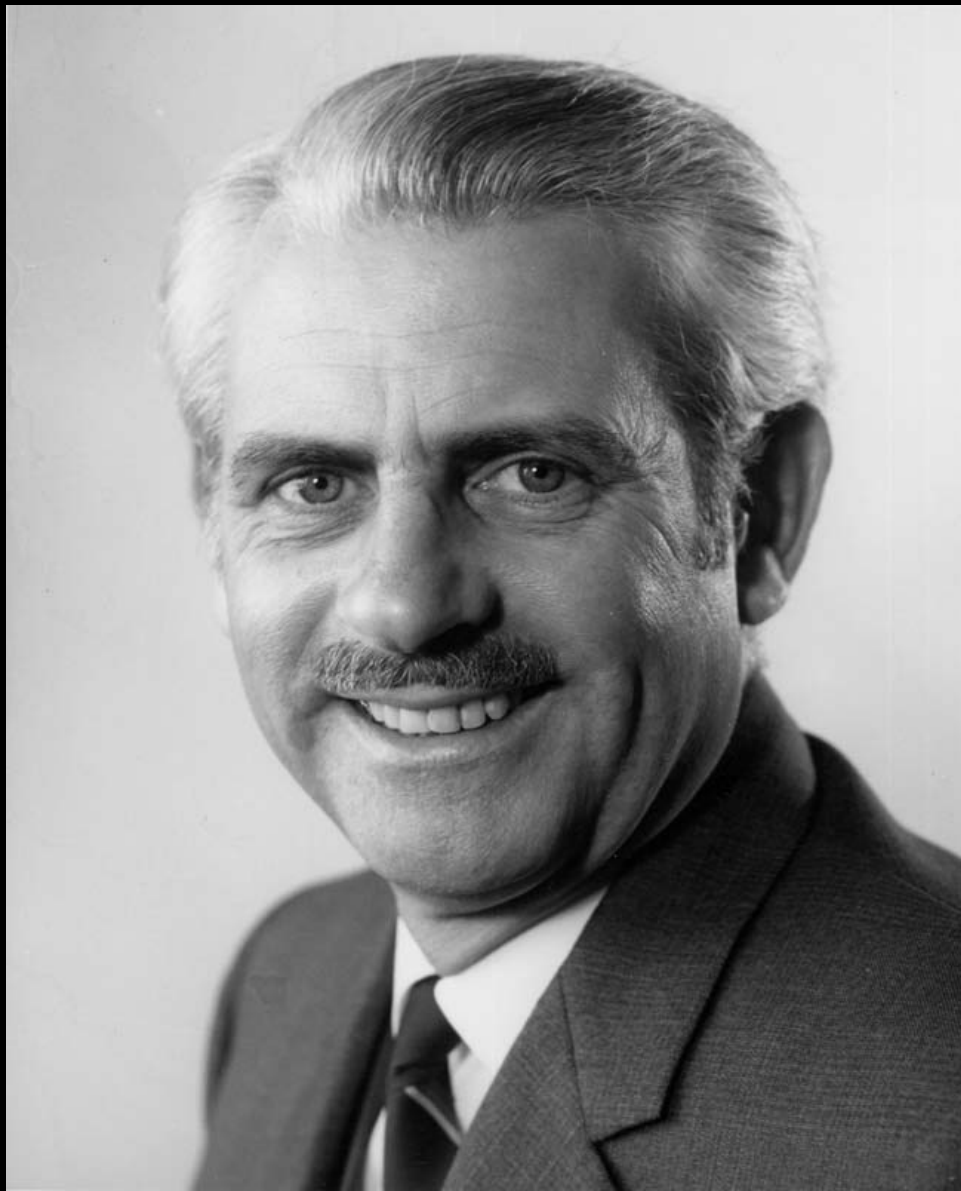
1968

Foundation Day pram races from Liverpool Street and Circular Quay



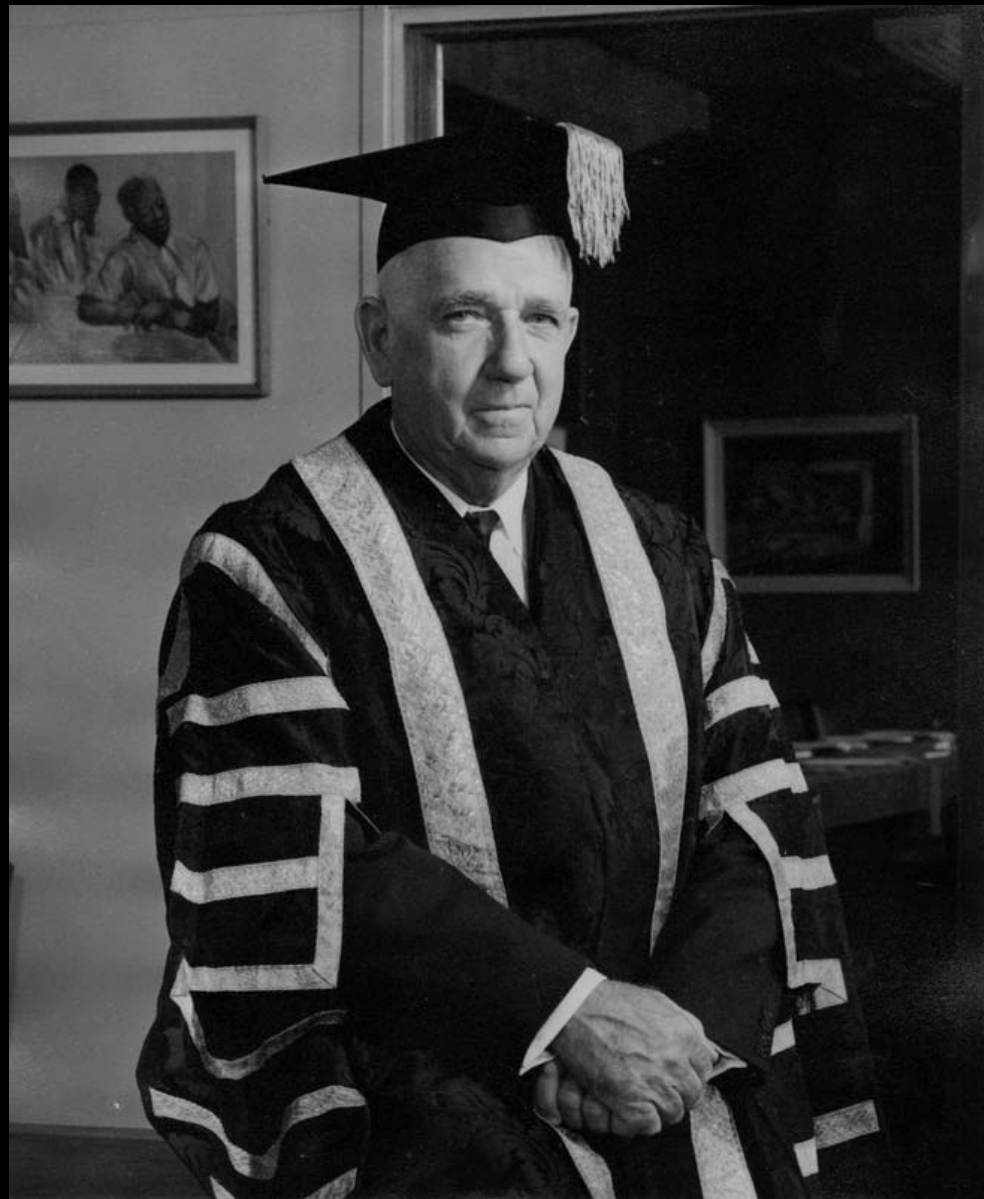
1969

Drama students outside the Old Tote Theatre



1969–81

Vice-Chancellor Sir Rupert Myers



1970–75

Chancellor Sir Robert Webster



1970

Sir John Clancy Auditorium, by Max Dupain



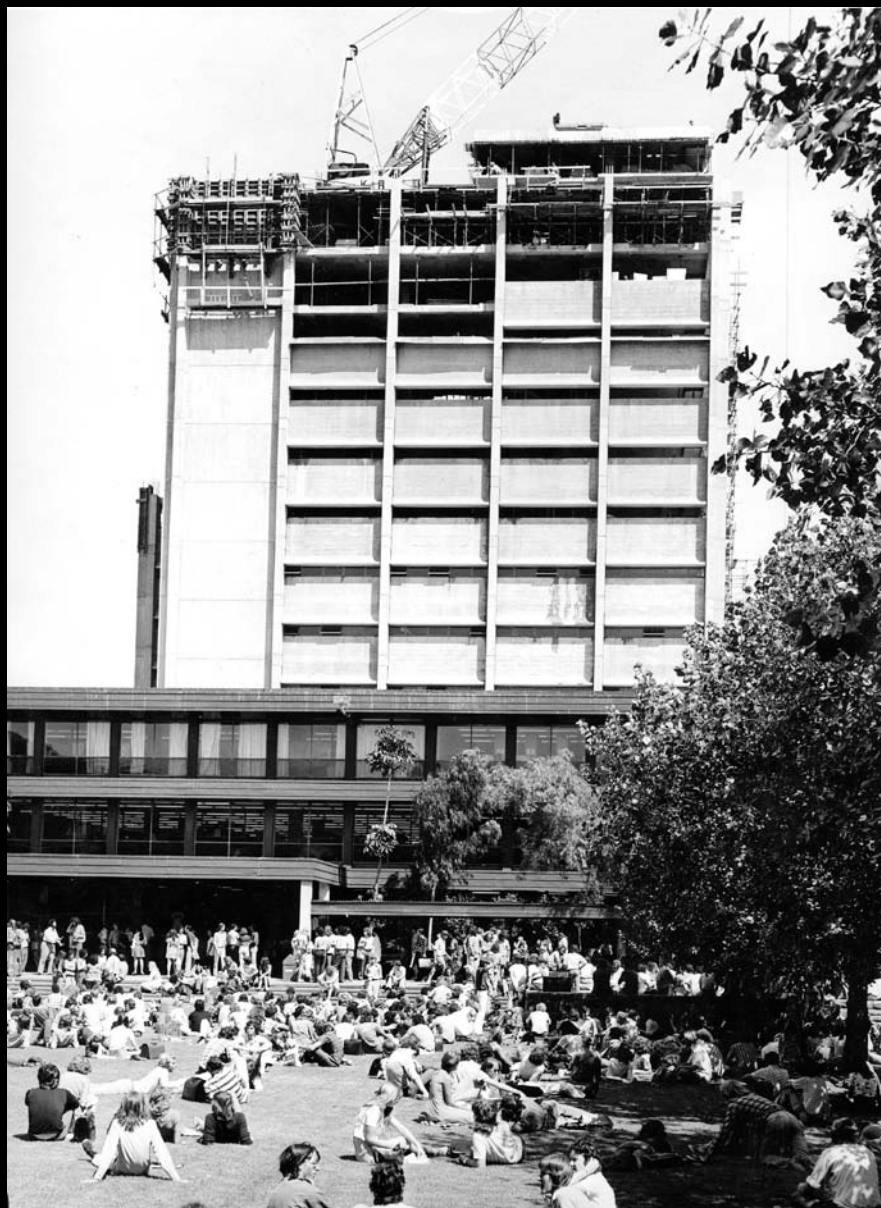
1970

View from the Wallace Wurth School of Medicine across to the Clancy Auditorium, by Max Dupain



1970

Student flour fight on the Library Lawn

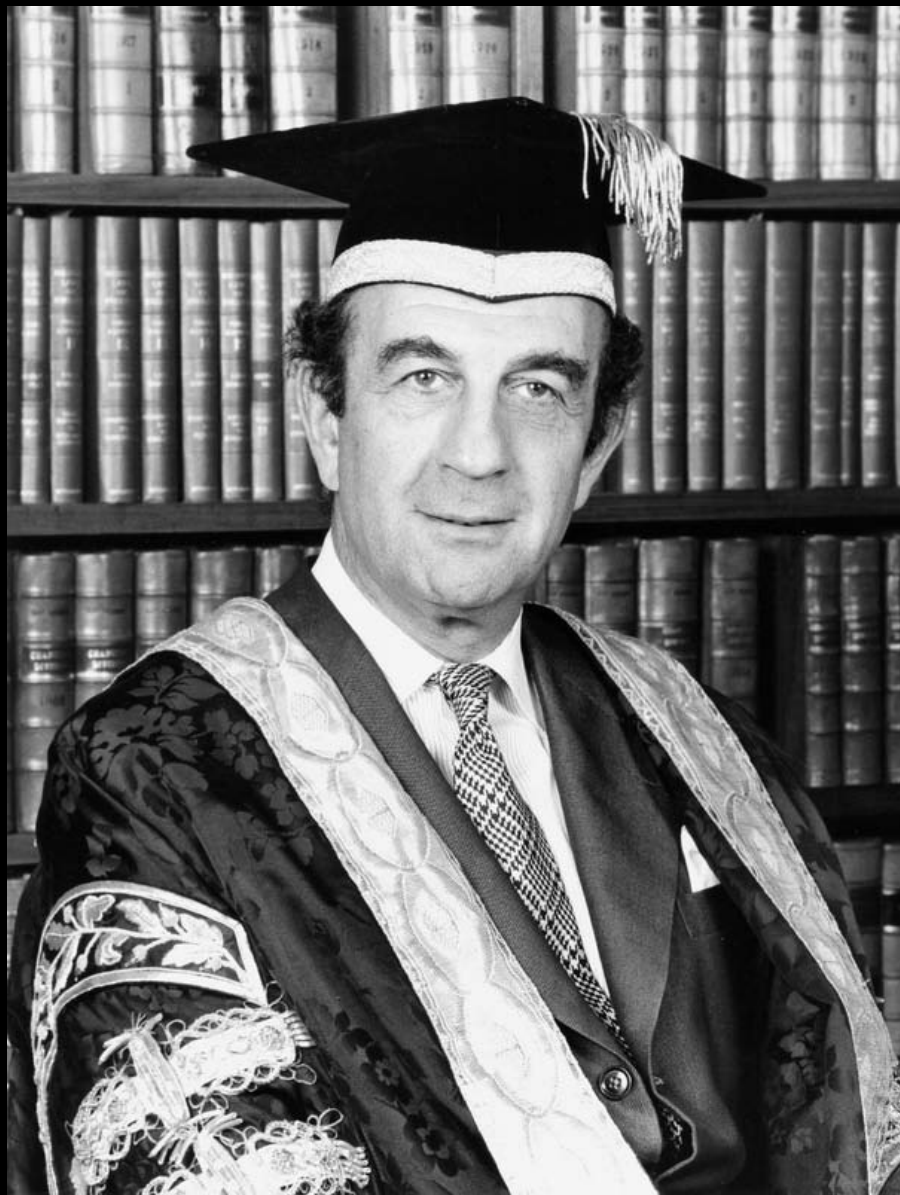


1975

Students relax while Stage II of the Library Tower nears completion



1975
Foundation Day fashions



1976–94

Chancellor Gordon Samuels



1976

Hard at work in the Tharunka office



1977

Students line up for a Foundation Day “polo match” in Martin Place

The A to Z of Academia

by Phil Schofield

L is for lectures



1979

Caricature series from *Uniken*



1980

The Wizard with Rupert Myers



1981

Big hitters – UNSW Cricket Club pennant



1981–92

Vice-Chancellor Michael Birt



1981

Foundation Day stunt – students kidnapped Chancellor Gordon Samuels from outside his home and forced him to drive to his chambers in the Supreme Court building



1980s

Students try their luck on High Street, before the crossing is marked



1983

Happy students on the Library Lawn



1986

University College, Australian Defence Force Academy opens



1987

**Last night of the NIDA production, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* –
final curtain for the Old Tote Theatre**



1992–2002

Vice-Chancellor John Niland



1993

Library Lawn clock unveiled



1994–99

Chancellor Sir Anthony Mason



1997

Student response to the introduction of full fee-paying places for local students



1997

Construction of The Scientia building commences



1998

The Scientia takes shape



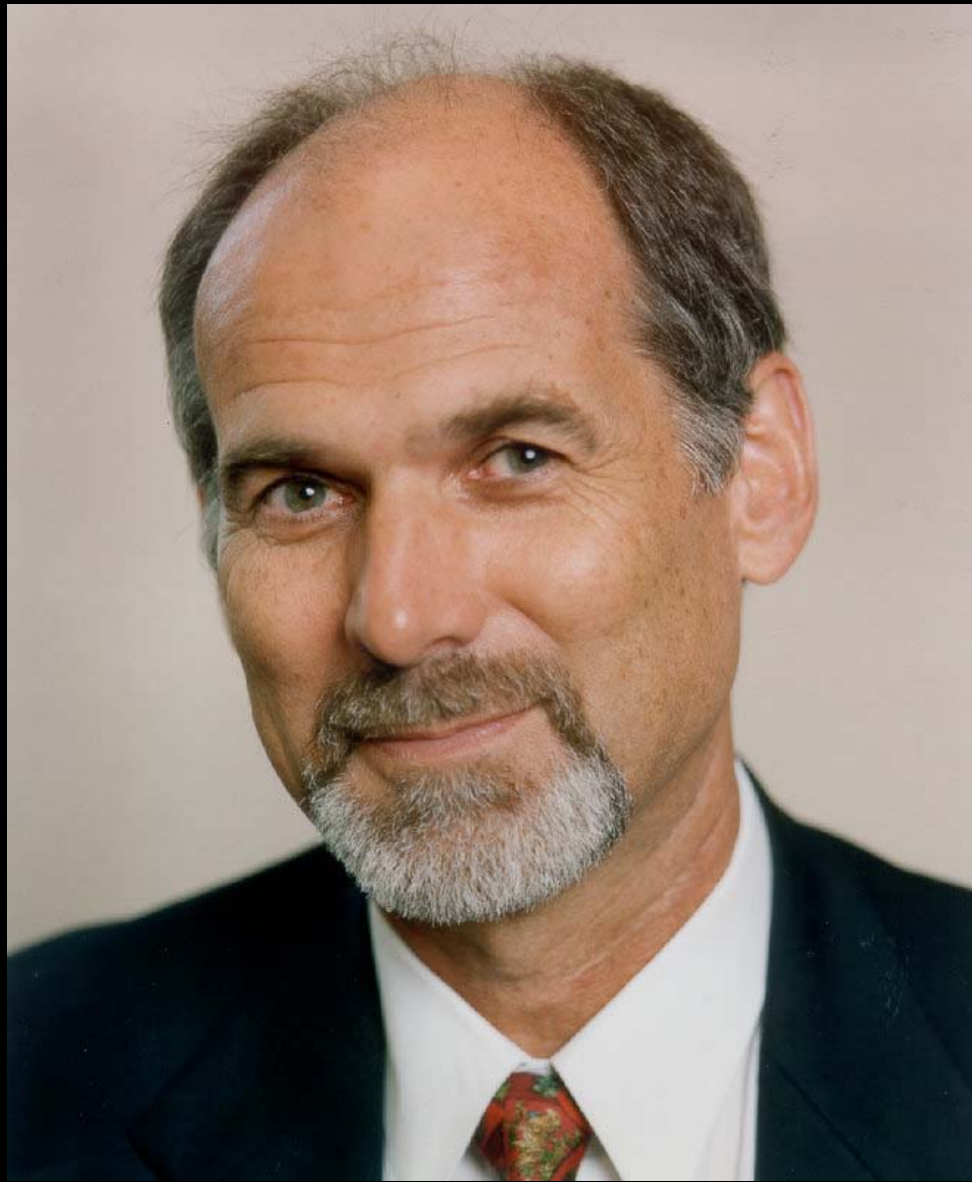
1999

Official opening of The Scientia



2000–05

Chancellor John Yu



2002–04

Vice-Chancellor Rory Hume



2004

The Library Lawn continues to be a magnet for students



2004–06

Vice-Chancellor Mark Wainwright



2005—current
Chancellor David Gonski



2006

The Chief Justice of the High Court opens the new Law Building



2006—current
Vice-Chancellor Fred Hilmer



2007

The Australian School of Business finds a new home



2008

The Lowy Cancer Research Centre is due to be completed at the end of 2009. The \$100 million development is the first stage of the Biomedical Precinct.



2009

The University Mall is transformed for O-Week



2009

Artist's impression of the flagship Energy Technologies Building, the first stage of a major new Engineering Precinct. Construction is expected to be completed in 2012.



2009

Artist's impression of the Gateway@COFA redevelopment. The project will build teaching capacity with flexible, digitally-equipped facilities, along with a new installation gallery facing Oxford Street.



2009

UNSW's next generation of students

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