

MONASH UNIVERSITY

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To His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks,
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., K.St.J.

May it please Your Excellency,

Monash University was created by an Act of the State Parliament of Victoria on April 15, 1958, and was opened by the Premier of Victoria, the Honourable H. E. Bolte, M.L.A., on Saturday, March 11, 1961. Within those three years were concentrated a series of events without precedent in Australia and perhaps elsewhere; a site was secured, buildings were planned and constructed, academic and administrative staff were appointed and the whole complex mechanism of a University was set in motion. These operations were estimated by the Murray Committee to require not less than six years.

This period was reduced to less than half only because of the determination of all concerned that there should not be a breakdown in the provision of University education for the young people of Victoria on whom so much depends. The members of the Interim Council, especially those who served on the Buildings Committee, and the University staff as they arrived, directed themselves with energy and enthusiasm to this task; they were greatly aided in their work by the officials of many Government departments and sustained by the encouragement and support of the Government itself.

1. THE INTERIM COUNCIL

The Interim Council which was set up under the Monash University Act 1958 to govern the University for three years continued in being until July 1961. The following served as members of it:

Chairman: Robert Rutherford Blackwood, Kt., M.C.E., B.E.E.,
M.I.E.Aust.

Richard Roderick Andrew, M.D., F.R.C.P., M.R.A.C.P.

Walter Eric Bassett, K.B.E., M.C., M.Mech.E., B.E.E.,
M.I.E.Aust.

Michael Chamberlin, O.B.E.

- Ronald William Trafford Cowan, M.A.
 Alexander Sadler Craig, B.Ed.
 Valentine Joseph Doube, Dip.Phys.Ed., M.L.A. (from November 1958).
 Maurice Rossie Ewing, M.B., Ch.B., M.Sc., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.,Ed., F.R.A.C.S.
 Percy Victor Feltham, M.B.E., LL.M., M.L.C. (from December 1959).
 Joseph Robert Archibald Glenn, B.C.E., A.M.I.E.Aust., F.A.I.M.
 Cedric Lewis Hirst (from February 1959).
 Brian William Hone, M.A.
 Alice Hoy, M.A., LL.B., Dip.Ed.
 Frederic Peter Johns.
 Walter William Killough, M.B.E.
 Ian Langlands, M.Mech.E., B.E.E., M.I.E.Aust.
 Leslie Harold Martin, Kt., C.B.E., Ph.D., F.A.A., F.R.S. (to November 1958).
 James Adam Louis Matheson, M.B.E., M.Sc., Ph.D., M.C.E., M.I.Struct.E., M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.Aust. (from January 1960).
 Alexander McDonell, B.A., B.Sc., B.Ed.
 Thomas Walter Mitchell, M.L.A. (from August 1958 to December 1959).
 Malcolm Stewart Moore, C.B.E., B.C.E., B.M.E., M.I.C.E., M.I.E.Aust., M.A.I.M.M.
 Oliver Emanuel Nilsson, O.B.E., B.Sc., M.I.E.Aust., F.R.S.A., F.A.I.M.
 George Whitecross Paton, Kt., M.A., B.C.L., LL.D., D.C.L.
 Alan Hollick Ramsay, Kt., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.
 John Frederick Rossiter, B.A., M.L.A. (from August 1958).
 James William Schulz.
 Alfred Ernest Shepherd, M.L.A. (from August 1958; died September 1958).
 John Ralph Carlisle Taylor, C.I.E.
 Edgar John Tippet.
 Frank Douglas Walter (to November 1958).

The University was honoured by the award, announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 1961, of a knighthood to the Chairman of the Interim Council.