

Mr Walter Gropius

Walter Gropius received the award of the honorary degree of Doctor of Science on 12 May 1954.

Professor Gropius was a leading world figure in contemporary architecture and founder of the Bauhaus movement.

He had accepted an invitation of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) to attend the Fourth Australian Architectural Convention in Sydney from 10 to 15 May. The Convention was being conducted on behalf of the RAIA by a committee whose chairman was Professor H Ingram Ashworth, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Sydney.



Walter Gropius with Vice-Chancellor Sir Stephen Roberts on the left and Chancellor Sir Charles Bickerton Blackburn on the right, *photo, University of Sydney Archives.*

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Professor Gropius was awarded the first honorary doctorate of science degree in the Faculty of Architecture, which was conferred in the Great Hall before a gathering of more than 900 persons.

Professor Gropius then gave a lecture entitled 'Is there a science in design' as part of the Convention.