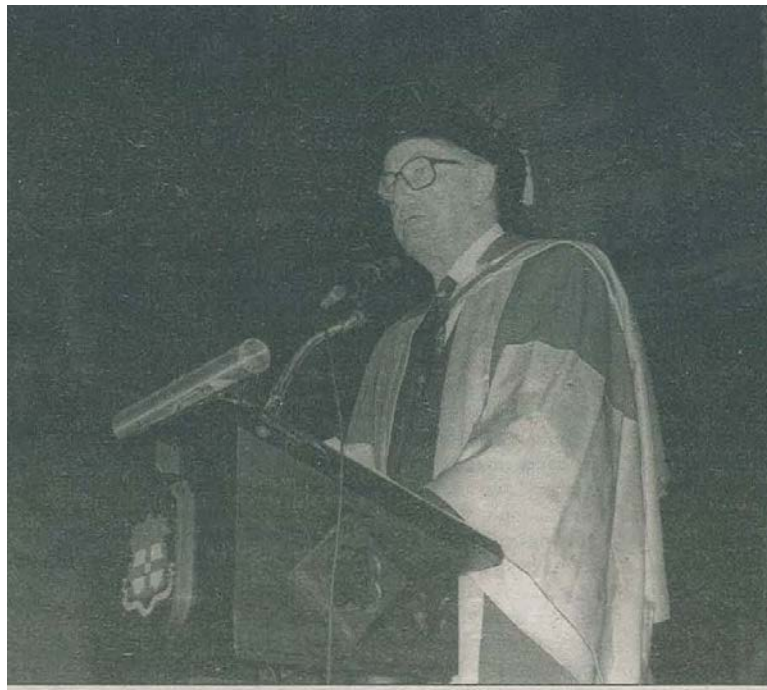


Mr Neville Kenneth Wran AC QC

The degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) was conferred upon Neville Kenneth Wran AC QC at the ceremony held at 9.30am on 6 May 1995.



Neville Kenneth Wran AC QC giving the occasional address at the ceremony, photo, *'The University of Sydney News'*, 17 May 1995.

Citation

Presented by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor D McNicol

Chancellor

I have the honour to present Mr Neville Kenneth Wran AC QC for admission to the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*).

Mr Wran graduated in Law with Honours from this University in the year 1948. In 1951 he commenced practice as a solicitor and was admitted to the Bar in 1957. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1968.

He became a Member of the Legislative Council in 1970, and subsequently Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council. Mr Wran was elected to the Legislative Assembly in November 1973 and assumed the leadership of the Opposition in the New South Wales Parliament. He became Premier of New South Wales in May 1976, an office he occupied until he relinquished it in July 1986. He was New South Wales' longest-serving Premier.

His term as Premier was marked by a number of historic reforms, particularly those relating to anti-discrimination laws and the requirement that Members of the Legislative Council be elected directly by the people. Mr Wran was also the National President of the Australian Labor Party from 1980 until his resignation from that office in July 1986.

After leaving politics, Mr Wran chaired the Australian Government's Higher Education Funding Committee. On behalf of the Australian and the New South Wales Government he also chaired the Mutual Recognition of Standards Committee. Mutual recognition legislation has since been introduced throughout Australia (with exception of Western Australia). Between 1986 and 1991 he was Chairman of CSIRO during a period of considerable reorganisation of its structure and philosophy. Mr Wran presently represents Australia as its

Member in the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) of A.P.E.C. (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation).

In June 1987 Mr Wran was appointed an Officer in the Order of the Golden Ark (Netherlands) for his contribution to the environment. In October 1987 he was appointed "Grande Ufficiale" by the President of the Republic of Italy and in January 1988 he was appointed Companion in the Order of Australia.

Mr Wran is currently Executive Chairman of Turnbull & Partners Limited, investment bankers, and director of a number of other companies. He maintains a broad range of community interests and, amongst other activities, is Chairman of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute and Deputy Chancellor of Bond University.

Chancellor, I have the honour to present Mr Neville Kenneth Wran AC QC for admission to the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa).