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CITATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE ADMISSION OF SIR IAN MUNRO McLENNAN
TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE HONORIS CAUSA

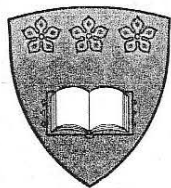
12th May, 1978.

Chancellor, I present to you Sir Ian Munro McLennan.

Chancellor, today the University honours Sir Ian as a man who, over a period of almost half a century, has made outstanding contributions to the industrial and public life of Australia.

After graduating in Electrical Engineering in 1932 from the University of Melbourne, Sir Ian joined the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd. in 1935 as a Cadet Engineer. His steady rise to eminence included several years of service at the Port Kembla Steelworks and residence in the Illawarra. He became General Manager of B.H.P. in 1950, a Director in 1953, Managing Director in 1967, and Chairman in 1971, an office which he relinquished on 30th November last year.

An indication of the breadth of Sir Ian's professional interests is shown by his membership of a wide range of institutions within Australia, the U.S.A. and Great Britain. These include: Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Institution of Engineers Australia, Institution of Production Engineers, Australian Institute of Management, Australian Institute of Metals, Institute of Directors, American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, and the Metals Society (Great Britain). An indication of the stature of his attainment is given by his appointment as foundation President of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences.



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Sir Ian's standing within the business community is indicated by his Chairmanship of BHP-GKN Holdings Ltd., of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. and of Tubemakers of Australia Ltd., his membership of the International Council of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and a Directorship of ICI Australia Ltd.

Sir Ian has thus distinguished himself in his career as a leader of industry in Australia and, in particular, in the fields of mining and metallurgy. This distinction was recognised by the Queen when he was made a Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE) in 1963 "For Services to Industry".

The University of Wollongong owes much to the support of the citizens and industries of our region. Sir Ian, as a senior member of one of our most significant local industries, was always vitally interested in the development of the Wollongong University College and honoured us by opening the first stage of the University Union in 1965. The continuing support from the community which the University currently enjoys is a heritage of the early work of Sir Ian and other public-minded citizens like him.

Chancellor, Sir Ian McLennan is in every sense a leader of industry; a man who has been pre-eminent in public life in Australia, and who actively encouraged and supported the establishment and development of the Wollongong University College. It is with pleasure that I present him to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa.