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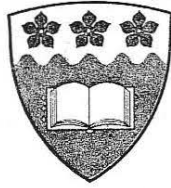
CITATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE ADMISSION OF SIR ROBERT JOSEPH WEBSTER,  
C.M.G., C.B.E., MC., HON.DSc. U.N.S.W., F.A.S.A. TO THE DEGREE OF  
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE HONORIS CAUSA, 11TH JUNE, 1976.

Your Excellency, Chancellor, I present to you Sir Robert Joseph Webster, a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, holder of the Military Cross, an Honorary Doctor of Science of the University of New South Wales and a Fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants.

At the outbreak of the First World War Sir Robert Webster, after eight years employment with the Commonwealth Public Service, enlisted in the First Australian Imperial Forces. Whilst engaged on active service at Gallipoli and in France he displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and bravery for which he was awarded the Military Cross.

In the post war period Sir Robert became associated with the textile industry. His influence on its growth and development since then has been immense. His ingenuity and his promotion of modern scientific techniques helped increase productivity in industries which employ thousands in Australia and overseas.

Recognising his expertise, the Federal Government appointed him Commonwealth Controller of Cotton during the Second World War and has frequently sought his opinion on the textile industry since. <sup>Three</sup>Twice the Crown has recognised his services.



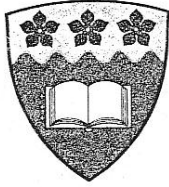
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Currently, Sir Robert is Chairman of Bradmill Industries Ltd., a Councillor of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufacturers and the Associated Chamber of Manufacturers of Australia, The Australian Institute of Management, and the Standards Association of Australia, a member of the Industrial Design Council and the Australia-Japan Business Co-operation Committee. He is Australia's only Companion of the Textile Institute of Great Britain.

Sir Robert Webster's association with tertiary institutions has spanned some thirty years.

In 1947 he joined the Development Council of the body which was to become the University of New South Wales. He served on many of the committees of the University of New South Wales and was its Deputy Chancellor for ten years. He was elected its Chancellor in 1970 and held this position till his retirement at the end of last year. During this period he conferred degrees on some sixteen thousand graduates including many former students of Wollongong University College.

Sir Robert in addition to presiding over graduation ceremonies at Wollongong in recent years has also shown an active interest in the development of the University of Wollongong which today celebrates its first graduation ceremony. His encouragement and concern are brought to fruition today as the first Chancellor of the University of Wollongong is formally installed by His Excellency the Governor.



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Chancellor, it is with deep pleasure that I present to you  
Sir Robert Webster, a man who has performed with distinction in the  
public service, on active duty, in commerce and in education, and one  
who may truly be called the Grand Old Man of University Education,  
for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science Honoris Causa.