



PRIME MINISTER

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APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL

I have the greatest pleasure in welcoming Her Majesty's appointment of Sir Zelman Cowen, C.M.G., Q.C., as Governor-General to succeed Sir John Kerr. Sir Zelman's appointment will be widely welcomed in Australia and on behalf of the Government and people of Australia I extend congratulations to him and to Lady Cowen.

Sir Zelman will be sworn as Governor-General in December.

Sir Zelman is well known as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland and he is also the current Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee. His career has been principally in academic learning and administration and in the law. He was formerly Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England and Professor of Public Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne.

Sir Zelman's other interests include the arts and community affairs. Amongst other appointments he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Australian Opera, President of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies, and Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission.

Sir Zelman was a Rhodes Scholar, served with the Royal Australian Navy during World War II and is the author of a number of books and papers on the law and public affairs, amongst which is a biography of Sir Isaac Isaacs the first Governor-General of Australia to be born in Australia.

Lady Cowen actively supports her husband in his various activities and herself has a strong and active interest in educational and social matters. Sir Zelman and Lady Cowen have a family of four, Simon (25), Nicholas (22), Kate (18) and Benjamin (11).

Canberra

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

Professor Sir Zelman Cowen

Zelman Cowen, Kt., C.M.G.; Q.C.; B.A., LL.M., LL.D. (Hon) (Melbourne); M.A., D.C.L. (Oxon); LL.D. (Hon) (Hong Kong); LL.D. (Hon) (Queensland); F.A.S.S.A.; F.A.C.E.

Born Melbourne, 7th October, 1919.

Educated Scotch College, Melbourne and University of Melbourne.

Wyselaskie Scholar and Dwight's Prizeman (1938); Supreme Court Prizeman (1941); Rhodes Scholar for Victoria (elected 1940).

Service with R.A.N.V.R. 1941-45; Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.

Vinerian Scholar, Oxford, 1947. Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford 1947-50. Professor of Public Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne 1951-66. Vice-Chancellor, University of New England, 1967-70. Vice-Chancellor, University of Queensland 1970-. Emeritus Professor, University of Melbourne.

Visiting Professor, University of Chicago (summer 1949); Harvard Law School and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, (1953-4); University of Utah (summer 1954); George A. Miller Visiting Professor, University of Illinois (1957-58); University of Washington (winter quarter 1959); Harvard Law School and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1963-64); Tagore Law Professor for 1975, University of Calcutta.

Delivered Mitchell Lectures, University of Buffalo, 1954; Rosenthal Lectures, Northwestern University, 1964; Harris Lecture, University of Indiana, 1965; Macrossan Lectures, University of Queensland, 1965; Boyer Lectures, A.B.C. Australia, 1969, Tagore Law Lectures, University of Calcutta, 1975.

Of Gray's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, Member of Victorian and Queensland Bars. Fellow of Academy of Social Sciences of Australia, 1972. Fellow of Australian College of Education, 1972. Foreign Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1965. Dominion Liaison Officer to the British Colonial Office, 1951-66. Adviser on the establishment of Legal education in Ghana, Hong Kong and West Indies. President for Victoria of International Commission of Jurists, 1964-66.

Trustee, Sydney Opera House, 1969-70. Member, Development Corporation of New South Wales, 1969-70. President, Adult Education Association of Australia, 1968-70.

Member and Chairman (at various times) of State Advisory Committee to the A.B.C. (Victoria, to 1966). Member of Regional Advisory Committee for North-West N.S.W., 1967-70.

Academic Governor of the Board of Governors, Hebrew University of Jerusalem 1969-. Member, Board of Directors, Australian Opera 1969-.

Member of Queensland Regional Selection Committee, Winston Churchill Memorial Trust 1970-.

Member, Board of International Association for Cultural Freedom 1970-75. Fellow, Royal Society of Arts 1971.

President, Australian Institute of Urban Studies 1973-. Member of Club of Rome 1974-.

Chairman, Board of Governors, Utah Foundation 1975-.

Trustee Queensland Overseas Foundation 1976-.

Law Reform Commissioner, Commonwealth of Australia 1976-. Chairman Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee 1977-8.

Publications:

Specialist Editor, Dicey: Conflict of Laws (Lond., Stevens 6th ed. 1949);

Australia and the United States: Some Legal Comparisons (Buffalo, 1954);

Essays on the Law of Evidence (with P.B. Carter) (Oxford, 1956);

American-Australian Private International Law (Oceana, N.Y., 1957);

Federal Jurisdiction in Australia (Oxford, 1959);

Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction (with D. Mendes da Costa, Law Book Co., 1961);

The British Commonwealth of Nations in a Changing World (Northwestern, 1964, and Cheshire, 1965);

Sir John Latham and Other Papers (Oxford, 1965);

Sir Isaac Isaacs (Oxford, 1967);

Introd. to 2nd ed., Evatt: The King and His Dominion Governors (Cheshire, 1967);

The Private Man (A.B.C. Boyer Lectures, 1969);

Individual Liberty and the Law (Tagore Law Lectures 1975) (Eastern Law House (India), Oceana (N.Y.) 1977

Chapters in books, articles and essays in journals in Australia, United Kingdom, United States, Canada and Europe on legal, political, social and university matters.