

Creator	Derham, Sir David Plumley
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Academics - Law - Vice-chancellors
<p>Biography: Sir David Plumley Derham (1920-1985), lawyer and Vice-Chancellor, was born on 13 May 1920 in Melbourne, son of Dr. Alfred Plumley Derham and Frances Derham (née Anderson). He completed his secondary education at Trinity Grammar School and Scotch College. In 1938, David entered Ormond College, University of Melbourne, completing a Bachelor of Arts in 1941. During this time David was also a member of the Melbourne University Rifles. He joined the Melbourne University Regiment on 1 November 1940. David enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 28 July 1941 and served as a trooper in an armoured regiment before becoming a lieutenant in 1942. From 1943 he performed air liaison and support duties at headquarters in New Guinea, the Netherlands East Indies and Borneo, and for brief periods with American forces in the Solomon Islands and the Philippines. In 1947, David was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE), in recognition of his service during the war.</p> <p>In 1944, David married Rosemary Joan Brudenell, daughter of General Sir Brudenell White. David was able to resume his education at University of Melbourne under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme, and graduated LL B (1947) and LLM (1948) with first-class honours. After completing his legal education, David articulated at Moule, Hamilton and Derham, under his uncle Francis Derham. David worked as a Barrister from 1945-1951, and became a Solicitor in 1948. During this time David began his career as a legal educator, first as a tutor of Law at University of Melbourne (Queens College) and then as an Independent Lecturer in Constitutional Law (1949-1951). In 1951, David succeeded Sir George Whitecross Paton as Professor of Jurisprudence, holding the post until 1964. From 1953-1954 David also taught overseas, first as Visiting Fellow at Wadham College, Oxford, and then as a Carnegie Travelling Fellow.</p> <p>David Derham was instrumental to the establishment of the Law School at Monash University in 1964. In the same year he took the post of Dean of Faculty of Law, Monash University, teaching at the new Law School until 1968. In 1968, David succeeded G.W. Paton as Vice-Chancellor of University of Melbourne, a position he would hold until his retirement in 1982. During his time as Vice-Chancellor David reviewed the administrative structure of The University of Melbourne and addressed a recent surge in student activism. He also contributed to legal scholarship, as first as the editor of Paton's 'Textbook of Jurisprudence' (1964 and 1972 editions) and then as a joint author of 'An Introduction to Law and Cases and Materials on Legal Processes' (1966) with F. K. Maher and P. L. Waller. He also contributed book chapters and had articles published in local and international law journals. In 1968 David received the honour of Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (CMG), and Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) in 1977. David's achievements were also recognised by Monash University, who conferred upon him an honorary LLD.</p> <p>During his life David was involved in many committees, including: Board of Management Royal Melbourne Hospital (1958-1982), Commonwealth Committee on Future of Tertiary Education in Australia (1962-1964), Overseas Service Bureau (1965-1981), Australian Universities Commission (1965-1968), Melbourne Theatre Company Board of Management (1973-1982), Chairman Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee (1975-1976). David was also involved in social clubs, including: Naval & Military, Royal Melbourne Golf, Barwon Heads Golf, Melbourne Beefsteak, and Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin.</p> <p>In 1981, David Derham retired from his role as Vice-Chancellor at The University of Melbourne, due to his diminishing health. During his final years David was forced to give up many of his social and professional commitments. David Derham passed away in September 1985 of Chronic Obstructive Airway Disease. In 1986, his article on the dismissal of the Whitlam government was published posthumously and went on to win the Rogers Legal Writing Award.</p>	
<p>Sources consulted: Cecily Close, 'Derham, Sir David Plumley (1920–1985)', Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/derham-sir-david-plumley-12414/text22317, published in hardcopy 2007, accessed online 25 February 2014.</p>	

Reference Number	2014.0023
Collection/Series Title	TYPESCRIPTS AND MANUSCRIPTS OF TALKS, ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS
Date Range of Collection/Series	1940-2008
Size/Extent	3 units (0.51m)
Access Conditions	Access: Open
Scope and Content of Series	
<p>Comprises over 300 talks etc. by David Derham 1940-1985, arranged in various sequences. Includes speeches given by Derham, articles, book reviews, poems, interviews with Derham. Some sequences are numbered. Also contains speeches and articles etc. given by others and compiled for Derham reference; related correspondence on administrative arrangements, publications, events etc.; correspondence between family members 2003, 2008. Earliest contents are an essay written as a student in 1940 (see 2014.0023.00009) and poems written during World War 11 (see 2014.0023.00024). Latest includes interviews with Derham at time of his retirement as Vice-Chancellor and later papers and correspondence. Many of the speeches were published in David Derham: talks on universities, history and the law, edited by Philip Ayers. St Kilda, Vic.: Oryx, 2009. The arrangement reflects the selection, duplication and rearrangement of talks etc. in preparation for this published collection. Many speeches have green slips attached to the front with information on number of pages, word count etc. A handwritten list page numbered 1-15 listing approximately 150 addresses given by David Derham c. 1954-1982, most arranged by group addressed and title, is held as item 2014.0023.00001. The item metadata uploaded to EMu by UMA describes the contents of each each folder (item), including approximate number of talks held in each folder, but does not list every talk etc. held in this acquisition.</p>	
Archival History	
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Unit/Box	Item number	Title	Date range	Description
2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00001	[List of David Derham Speeches]	c.1954-1982	Handwritten list, page numbered 1-15, of approximately 150 speeches given by David Derham c. 1954-1982. List is arranged alphabetically by event, organisation addressed, or topic, and includes date presented. Contains pencilled annotations against some entries e.g. ("valuable speech"). The list appears to have been created by the Derham family. It is possibly related to the proposed Philip Ayres publication of selected speeches, or transfer of the archive to UMA. The list does not cross reference to where each speech is filed, although the folder location of some speeches can be determined from the date range and scope and content description of items. Includes a photocopy of list on thermal paper, now illegible
2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00002	David Derham Talks 3	1963-1979	Typescript, photocopied and handwritten addresses given by Derham (approx. 10), and associated correspondence and publications, arranged in chronological order. Begins: Address for Conferring of Degrees Ceremony 12 August 1972. Ends: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. Presentation of Certificates of Membership, 11 October 1979. Includes bundle of articles c. 1963 on students; Derham Victorian Universities Committee paper: VUSEB and Secondary School Examinations: 28 January 1972; telegram from Robert Menzies, 10/3/1978, requesting copy of Derham speech given at Institute of Directors' National Conference, March 1978
2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00003	David Derham Talks 4	1969-1978	Typescript and photocopied addresses given by Derham (approx. 15), and associated correspondence and publications, arranged in chronological order. Begins: Handwritten notes, by JL Kelly, of Derham address to the Legal Convention, Brisbane, 1969. Ends: Universities and Australia, address to The Institute of Directors, 9 March 1978

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2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00004	David Derham Talks 5	1967-1980	Typescript, photocopied and handwritten addresses given by Derham (approx. 10), and associated correspondence and publications, arranged in chronological order. Begins: Problems of University Selection: The Story of a Quota, 20 June 1967. Ends: The Acceptance by The University of Melbourne of the Robert Menzies Collection - The Leigh Scott Room, Baillieu Library, 25 September 1980. Includes handwritten notes of an address to a "lawyers gathering", undated
2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00005	David Derham Talks 6.1	1954-1979	Typescript, photocopied and handwritten addresses given by Derham (approx. 33), and associated correspondence and publications. Speeches are arranged in numerical order under attached green cover sheets hand numbered [Number] 87-115, 117, 119-120, plus one labelled "not counted". The numbers do not accord with date order of speeches. Green sheets include handwritten line and word counts, some have handwritten notes on sources and whether they are the speech is to be "counted". The numerical arrangement of speeches may relate to selection of Derham addresses for publication. Begins: [Number] 87: The Royal Children's Hospital, 26 September 1967. Ends: [Number] 120: PB Farewell to Retiring Professors, 10 April 1968.
2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00006	David Derham Talks 6.2 [By others and resource material]	1947-1973	Note in file: "In this file are copies of mostly other people's talks and useful documents for his talks". Typescript, photocopied, printed addresses and associated correspondence and publications, arranged in approximate chronological order. Begins: Letter to the Editor, British Medical Journal, by AP Derham, 21 April 1947. Ends: Vice-Chancellor's Wife by Audrey Matheson, August 1973. Includes The George Adlington Syme Oration. Medicine and the Humanities by Sir John Medley. Reprinted from The Australian and New

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				Zealand Journal of Surgery August 1950; Education - For What? by LW Weickhardt, Opening Address to Promotion of Adult Continuing Education Seminar, 3 August 1972
2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00007	David Derham Talks 7.1	1954-1968	Typescript, photocopied and handwritten addresses (31 approx.) given by Derham, and associated correspondence and publications. Speeches are arranged in numerical order [Number] 37-49, 51-68, numbers are handwritten on each speech or bundle. The numbers do not accord with date order of speeches. The numerical arrangement of speeches may relate to a record keeping system within Derham's Office or selection of addresses for publication. Several are confirmed as published in the Philip Ayres compilation. Begins: [Number] 37: Ivanhoe Grammar School Speech Night, 15 December 1967 (published as No 8. in Ayres compilation). Ends: [Number] 68: Untitled, about Senator McCarthy and US Senate Investigation Committee, undated.
2014.0023 Unit 1	2014.0023.00008	David Derham Talks 7.2 [By others]	1961-1968	Note in file: "Copies of other people's speeches, not D.P.D". Typescript, photocopied, printed addresses (5) and associated correspondence, arranged in chronological order. Begins: The Necessary Evil by Sir Eric Ashby, 1 March 1961. Ends: Is a Standing Committee Really Necessary by Dr Coppel. Other addresses in folder are by Sir George Cartland; David Knapp; JP Baxter
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00009	David Derham Speeches [and correspondence]	1940-2008	Typescript, photocopied and printed addresses (3), interview (1), and associated correspondence, arranged in chronological order. Comprises: A conception of history. Student Essay by DP Derham June 1940 (Typescript transcription made by Mark Derham). The Flight of the Wild Geese - or an explanation of Irish neutrality - March 1945; Room at the top: The Vice-Chancellor interviewed by Elizabeth Booth, MUM 1971 (photocopy);

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				Opening Address: Australian University Graduate Conference 24 January 1975. Includes related correspondence (2003, 2008) between Derham family members; green paper numbered 118 with line and word count
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00010	David Derham Articles and Talks on Legal Education	1965-1984	Typescript, handwritten and photocopied addresses and articles (7 approx.) on legal education arranged in chronological order: Begins: Legal Education, 1965. Ends: paper on "Yes Minister", c.1984
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00011	David Derham Articles [publication of]	27 July 1964-6 October 1969	Correspondence concerning publication of articles and speeches by David Derham in The Australian Bar Gazette; Law Institute Journal; Ormond Papers; Royal Melbourne Hospital Magazine
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00012	David Derham Articles and Talks	1963-1984	Typescript, handwritten and photocopied addresses and articles (27 approx.) and associated correspondence, arranged in chronological order: Begins: Legal Education in Australia, 1963. Ends: Mere surface reflections: The Commonwealth of Australia against the State of Tasmania, 1984. Includes articles written for University of Melbourne Annual Reports, Staff News, University Gazette; Letter to The Age, 15 March 1984 (annotated draft) responding to Age article on University selection (final of draft letter is held in 2013.0023.00015). Note at front of file: "Obituary of Sir Leslie Martin [published in University of Melbourne Gazette Vol. 39(2) May 1983 p.17]; Mere surface reflections re Franklin Dam case 1984. Opening of the David Derham School of Law Monash University 1968. Legal Education in Australia 1963 & other articles"
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00013	David Derham Articles and Talks [for University of Melbourne publications]	1968-1973	Typescript, handwritten and photocopied addresses and articles (40 approx.) and associated correspondence, arranged in chronological order, most written for University of Melbourne publications, including Orientation Magazine, University Guide, Farrago, University

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				Gazette, Orientation Handbook, Staff News. Begins: "Welcome to First Year Students - 1968. Ends: Orientation Handbook Draft 1974, 6 December 1973. Note at front of file: "Talks and Articles for Farrago. Staff News. Letter to Graduates. Orientation Handbook. Obituary for Sir Charles Love"
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00014	David Derham Talks	1969-1981	Typescript, handwritten and photocopied addresses and articles (10 approx.) and associated correspondence, arranged in chronological order. Begins: Royal Melbourne Hospital - Annual Meeting 24 September 1969. Ends: May Day Luncheon, 1 May 1981 (handwritten notes on verso of programme). Note at front of file: "Tribute to Professor Richard Downing 1975. 1975 Degree Conferring. The Melbourne Scots 1975. Beef Steak [Club] Dinner c. 1972. Royal Melbourne Hospital. Australian Council for Education Research. Aust Institute of Physics. Graduate House"
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00015	Katherine Derham Moore - Copies of Talks by David Derham	1967-1984	Typescript of address (1), article (1) by Derham, and handwritten notes (1). Comprises: When is an Infant? Medico-Legal Society of Victoria 6 May 1967; Southey Memorial Lecture delivered by the Rt. Hon. The Lord Gardiner, 12 April 1973, with attached notes by Derham (under green sheet # 82); Letter to The Age, 15 March 1984 responding to Age article on University selection (draft of letter is held in 2013.0023.00012)
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00016	David Derham Articles Feb. 1962 [legal]	c.1959- c.1962	Typescript of an address and articles and book chapters by Derham on legal topics, most undated, c. late 1950s-early 1960s (11 approx.) Includes annotated drafts and different versions. Contains: Law and Custom in the Australian Territory of Papua and New Guinea, (address) c.1961; Objectivity and Neutrality in Public Education (2 copies); Absolute Liability - Amendments by Mr Mendes Da Costa; Legal Education in Australia (2 copies) c. 1959; Precedent and the Decision of Particular Questions; Truth and the

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				Common Law and Judicial Process; Legal Education - University Education and Professional Training, 1962; Discovery of Documents: Crown Privilege; Some Notes on Civil Juries in Running-Down Cases (2 copies); Law-Making through the Cases; Justice and the Law - a Discussion Between Lawyers and Philosophers
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00017	Book Reviews by David Derham	1953-1963	Typescript of book reviews written by Derham (20 approx.) and associated correspondence arranged in chronological order by date of book publication. Begins: Crown and Subject by AE Currie, Legal Publications Ltd, 1953. Ends: Australian Federal Politics and Law 1929-1949 by Geoffrey Sawer, MUP, 1963
2014.0023 Unit 2	2014.0023.00018	Interviews with Sir David Derham for Law Institute Journal Sept 1982 [and others]	1980-1985	Correspondence and papers concerning interviews with Derham in 1982, by the Law Institute of Victoria Journal; University of Melbourne Centre for Higher Education; The Age; The Herald newspaper. Includes lists of proposed questions; transcript (annotated drafts) of Law Institute Victoria (LIV) interview. Also contains address to the Hospital Benefits Association Symposium 1980, Streamlined Health Care for the Eighties; Naval and Military Club AGM agenda 1982; correspondence and paper concerning Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Review of the Discipline of Law 1985
2014.0023 Unit 3	2014.0023.00019	David Derham Correspondence re Publications including Peer Review	6 August 1964-20 October 1971	Correspondence concerning publication of articles and reviews by David Derham for publications including The Federal Law Review; Melbourne University Law Review; Sydney Law Review; Cambridge Law Journal; The Australian Law Journal; Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly. Includes typescript copies of some; peer review for Melbourne University Press, 1966
2014.0023 Unit 3	2014.0023.00020	[David Derham Talks - Photocopies of originals]	1954-1967	Note at front of file: "Copies of DPD's speeches taken from File No. 7. For University of Melbourne Archives". Contains photocopies (30 approx.,

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				many A3 size) of numbered originals [Number] 38-49, 51-68 held in 2014.0023.00007. Also contains Report of the Committee on Australian Universities, September 1957, with interleaved note (by Katherine Derham Moore?) "The Murray Committee Report referred to in Dad's Speech Seminar on Research Thursday 24 September 1974". Ends: Great Chief Justice Leaves a Great Court: Sir Owen Dixon Steps Down, article by Derham for Sydney Morning Herald, 13 April 1964
2014.0023 Unit 3	2014.0023.00021	David Derham Press Interviews etc. [and Talks]	1954-1982	Transcript of interview with Stephen Johnston, 29 April 1982; Typescript or photocopied addresses (14 approx.) given by Derham and associated correspondence arranged in numerical order under attached green cover sheets hand numbered [Number] 122-131, plus four labelled "not counted". The numbers do not accord with date order. Green numbered sheets include handwritten line and word counts. The numerical arrangement of speeches may relate to a record keeping system within Derham's Office or selection of addresses for publication. Begins: [Number] 122: Staff News: A Message from the Vice-Chancellor, 30 October 1978. Ends: [Number] 131: Press Release, University of Melbourne, 10 May 1971. Includes [Number] 129 interview with "Claudia" [Wright?]
2014.0023 Unit 3	2014.0023.00022	David Derham Press Interviews etc. [and Talks]	1968-1982	Typescript, photocopied and handwritten addresses and interviews (given by Derham, and associated correspondence and publications. Five speeches etc., arranged in numerical order under attached green cover sheets hand numbered [Number] 132-137, plus six bundles labelled "not counted" (bundles contain multiple addresses etc). The numbers do not accord with date order. Green numbered sheets include handwritten line and word counts. Begins: [Number] 132: Statement by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor David P Derham, 23 March

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				1971 [re salary rise]. Ends: [Number] 137: "The Shop's New Proprietor", Farrago, 29 March 1968 [interview with Derham]. "Not counted" bundles includes interview arrangements, press conferences, press releases
2014.0023 Unit 3	2014.0023.00023	David Derham 'Talks' on Universities selected for publication 1/3	1968-1982	Typescript and photocopied addresses and interviews, and articles by Derham concerning universities (22). Begins: Opening of the David Derham School of Law, Monash University, 10 July 1968. Ends: Problems facing the universities, published in The Age, 20 September 1982. Includes Assembly Week - April 1978, 31 March 1978 (#16). Many are confirmed as published in the Philip Ayres compilation
2014.0023 Unit 3	2014.0023.00024	David Derham 'Talks' Miscellaneous selected for publication 2/3	1941-1980	Typescript and photocopied addresses and articles by Derham, and poems, on miscellaneous topics (17). Begins: Here was a life, poem written by Derham during World War 11, annotated (by Katherine Derham Moore) "1941-42/43 while with the 2/B Armoured Division when Stan Ket [?] was burned to death when a tank blew up in Nth NSW or Qld." Ends: Acceptance of the Portrait of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Derham, by the University, Friday, 20 June, 1980. Some are confirmed as published in the Philip Ayres compilation
2014.0023 Unit 3	2014.0023.00025	David Derham 'Talks' on Legal Profession and Medical Profession selected for publication 3/3	1946-1980	Typescript and photocopied addresses and articles by Derham (12). Speeches etc. are arranged in numerical order under attached green cover sheets most hand numbered [Number] 19-21; 23-28, 116 and labelled with topic. Topics are: The Law / Legal Education [Number] 19-21, 116; unnumbered. Education generally: [Number] 23-24; The Medical Profession: [Number] 25-28; unnumbered. The numbers do not accord with date order. Green numbered sheets include handwritten line and word counts. Begins: William Joyce [1946]. Ends: Australian Institute of Hospital Administrators Sixteenth Residential Post-Graduate School 2-4

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				April, 1970. Many are confirmed as published in the Philip Ayres compilation

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