

Reference Number: **2014.0084**
 Collection/Series Title: **FILES RELATING TO THE ORGANISATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S "AT HOME" PARTIES**

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| Creator | University Of Melbourne. Office Of The Vice-chancellor |
| Creator's Activity/Occupation | University administration - Vice-chancellors - Academics - Law |
| Creator's Historical Note | |
| <p>Previous Control Number: UA4 When the University of Melbourne was formed by an Act of the Victorian Parliament in 1853 the positions of Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor were respectively filled pro tem. by Mr. Justice Redmond Barry and Hugh C. E. Childers until the first University Council elected them to these positions by ballot in May 1853. Despite several attempts to make the position of Vice-Chancellor the salaried chief executive officer of the University, it remained an honorary position from its commencement until 1933. The University Act of 1933 enabled the Council to appoint a salaried Vice-Chancellor and endow him with powers defined within the University's statutes. Statutes authorised him to exercise superintendence of the University's educational and administrative affairs and for discipline of students and staff. The former office of Vice-Chancellor became that of Deputy Chancellor. The first Vice-Chancellor thus appointed was Dr. Raymond Priestley who took up the position at the beginning of 1935. Successive Vice-Chancellors were: H.C.E. Childers, 1853; W.C. Haines, 1857; Anthony Brownless, 1858; Martin Howy Irving, 1887; Henry Wrixon, 1897; John Henry MacFarland, 1910; John Grice, 1918; John Monash, 1923; James Barrett, 1931; Raymond Priestley, 1934; John Medley, 1938; George Paton, 1951; David Derham, 1968; David Caro, 1982; David Penington, 1988.</p> | |
| Date Range of Collection/Series | 1972-1981 |
| Size/Extent | 3 boxes (0.36m) |
| Access Conditions | Access: Restricted |
| Scope and Content of Collection/Series | |
| <p>Previous Control Number: UM329. The files contain lists of people invited to the Vice-Chancellor's "at home" parties. Multiple lists often exist for any one year, being annotated to indicate acceptance or refusal of the invitation. From about 1974 onwards the series contains a copy of the invitation, lists of guests, letters of acceptance and letters of apology. Those invited generally included Council members, Professors, Professors Emeritus, Deans, Heads of Colleges and Halls of Residence, Administration Staff, Convocation, Associate Professors, judges, Ministers of State and those on the "Private List" (assumed to be the Vice-Chancellor's personal friends) etc.</p> | |
| Collection Category | University, official |
| This document dated | 26/05/2015 |

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| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0001 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 1 December 1972 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0002 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 27 November 1973 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0003 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 3 December 1974 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0004 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 8 December 1975 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0005 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 29 November 1976 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0006 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 28 November 1977 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0007 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 17 November 1978 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0008 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 10 December 1979 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0009 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 17 March 1980 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0010 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 24 November 1980 |
| 2014.0084 Unit 1 | 2014.0084.0011 | Vice-Chancellor's "At Home" Party | 23 November 1981 |

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