



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

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HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>In the 1950s the Faculty of Medicine lobbied for the creation of a Chair of Otolaryngology. In 1959 a Board of Trustees headed by distinguished specialist Mr George Swinburne was set up to raise funds for the Chair The Appeal (also known as the Ear Nose and Throat - or ENT - Appeal) was formally launched at the University 21 February 1964. The appeal was managed by an Executive Committee (chaired by Swinburne) of the Board of Trustees, with the assistance of the Appeals Committee of Council. In 1968 sufficient money was in hand to consider an appointment, and the Australian Universities Commission was successfully approached for funds to assist in providing an additional University floor in the new Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital building for the new Department. Graeme Clark became William Gibson Professor of Otolaryngology in 1970.</p>
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DESCRIPTION	Files relating to the Deafness Foundation (Victoria) from inception, November 1969 - March 1972; Australian Deafness Council from inception, November 1974 - 1975; Otolaryngological Appeals 1970- 1972; the Hedley Summons Prize Administration 1970 - June 1981; Jean Littlejohn Prize Establishment 1976 - 1978; the Academic Board in Otolaryngology 1971-1972; the Diploma in Laryngology and Otology 1974 - 1978; the Regional Committee (autonomous body supervising standards required in surgical training for the FRACS) 1972-1976; Visit by T.J. Watson to assess the University's part in training teachers of the deaf 1974; and the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health (Clark Chairman from inception, 1975 - March 1981).
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HISTORICAL NOTE Dr. G. Swinburne's formal approach to the University in November 1959 inaugurated a campaign to establish a Chair of Otolaryngology. A trust fund was established in 1962, the University giving its official support to an appeal in 1964. By 1968 sufficient money was in hand for an appointment to be considered, and the Australian Universities Commission was successfully approached for funds to assist in providing an additional University floor in the new Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital building for the Department. Graeme M. Clark was selected as William Gibson Professor of Otolaryngology at the end of 1969, taking up the appointment in 1970. His Department has been prominent in research in the field of cochlear implantation, pioneering the "bionic ear".

List of Records

Box 1

1. Otolaryngology Appeal.

R.V.E.E.H. and the Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia Fundraising Study and Plan under the direction of the Wells Organisation Pty. Ltd., 1964 and copy of the 1964 appeal brochure. Letter from Prof. Clark to donors of 1964 who helped to establish Australia's first chair of Otolaryngology, asking for assistance to complete a floor at the Hospital for the Department, July 1970, with lists of those to whom sent.

2. Otolaryngology Appeal.

Correspondence with donors to fund an additional floor at the R.V.E.E.H., 1970, and a computer and other equipment, 1971-1972; list of items of expenditure from Trust Account 577-T578; statement of Equipment Fund at 9 August 1972.

3. Deafness Foundation (Victoria) Steering Committee - file complete. Chairman - Professor G.M. Clark. Also labelled "File No.1".

Steering Committee minutes and other papers concerning the establishment of the Foundation, Nov. 1969 - Mar. 1972. Meeting 17 November 1969 was "sponsored by the Federation for Junior Deaf Education and the Council for Integrated Deaf Education for the Purpose of Forming a Forum of All Bodies Interested in the Deaf". The Steering Committee "to organisations concerned in the field of hearing and speech impairments" was appointed on 18 August 1971 (by December, the "Deafness Foundation").

4. Deafness Foundation (Victoria). Setting up of - Miscellaneous Papers. 1970-1979.

Distribution list for sending of letter 18 Dec. 1970; Professor Clark's correspondence with people who may assist the Foundation; Articles of Association; minutes of including those of the Medical Sub-Committee, 1 Aug. 1974 - , Finance Sub-Committee 7 Aug. 1974 - , first general meeting 27 Feb. 1974 and first annual general meeting, 29 May 1975; Address given by the Hon. Peter Howson to the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian School for Deaf Children, 24 Sept. 1979, etc.

5. Australian Deafness Council. 1974-1975.

Copies of constitution, minutes of meetings prior to and following its establishment, its inaugural meeting being held on 16 November 1974 (The Hon. Peter Howson, President).

6. Headley Summons Prize - Administration. 1968-1981.

Copy of Trust Deed and copies of correspondence concerning this undergraduate E.N.T. prize given in honour of Summons, an officer in the A.I.F. Field Ambulance and hospital at Changi.

7. Jean Littlejohn Prize. 1976-1978.

Papers relating to the establishment of the prize in Otorhinolaryngology to commemorate Dr. Littlejohn, C.B.E.'s contribution to the speciality (the Jean Littlejohn Medallion and \$1000 for original work in the field). Inaugural award, 1978.

8. Dr. Watson. Marked "Closed" [i.e. action completed] 1973-1974.

T.J. Watson , University of Manchester, was invited to Melbourne in October 1973 by Professor K.B. Start to advise the Faculties of Education and Medicine on the education and training of teachers of the deaf, the visit conditional on funds being available. Draft and final Audiology Report and correspondence.

9. Academic Board - Dept. of Otolaryngology. 1971-1972.

Minutes, correspondence.

10. D.L.O. - Special File. 1974-1978.

Correspondence with, inter alia, the National Specialist Qualification Advisory Committee concerning the status of the Diplomas of Ophthalmology and Laryngology and Otolaryngology. and Lists of Recommended Medical Specialities and Appropriate Qualifications, No.9, Sept. 1981.

11. Regional Committee. 1972-1976.

Copies of minutes etc. of this autonomous body, meeting in the Department, "whose main function was to supervise the standards required in surgical training for the F.R.A.C.S."

Box 2

12. Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health - Setting up of. 1975.

Correspondence including the Hon. A. Scanlan's invitation to Clark to join the Council which is to advise him on planning and delivery of health services for children "based on scientific and humane understanding of the various needs of the child in his family and in the community", 15 April 1975, further letter concerning Clark's willingness to act as Chairman. Clark's report 14 Oct. 1975.

13. Consultative Council of Maternal and Child Health. Minutes of Meetings 1975-1978
Also, correspondence and other papers 1979.

14. Consultative Council of Maternal and Child Health. File 2. 1980.
Minutes and correspondence to 14 May 1982 (the Hon. W.A. Borthwick's response to Clark's resignation of 20 March 1981).

15. Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health - Visual Screening Programme. 1975-1978.
Sub-Committee report etc. Also, miscellaneous papers concerning learning disabilities.

16. Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health. Working Group on Hearing Handicapped (Sub-Committee of the Council). 1975.
Correspondence; reports.

17. Consultative Council of Maternal and Child Health. Child Maltreatment. 1975-1977.
Copies of reports on the subject by various authors, Department of Health workshop, Janet Clarke Hall, 19 June 1975. Papers relating to report of workshop, 1977.

18. Consultative Council of Maternal and Child Health - Hearing Handicapped Working Group. 1975-1978.
Correspondence etc., including that with the Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing concerning the Blackburn property for an audiology centre.

19. Consultative Council of Maternal and Child Health - Audiological Services. 1975.
Professor Clark's report on audiological services and recommendations; A.C.C.I.H. to the Department of Health expressing concern at the Lincoln Institute's plans to develop degree courses in Audiology when the Department of Otolaryngology already trains audiologists.

20. Consultative Council of Maternal and Child Health - Miscellaneous Papers. 1971-1978.

N.B. Two files on W. Krauss's preliminary list (Apex Club of Melbourne, 1970-1973 and Grants from Trusts 1970-1980) were recalled by Professor Clark and are not included below.

List by Walter Krauss revised by
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