

# LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS 1978 MURDOCH LECTURE

The Governor General, Sir Zelman Cowen, drew a capacity audience to Lecture Theatre 1 for the 1978 Walter Murdoch Lecture.

His Excellency traced trends in University life and development paralleling his own academic career.

Sir Zelman studied History, Political Science and Law at Melbourne University. He was a Rhodes Scholar in 1940. After war service he studied and taught at Oxford and was later offered teaching appointments in the US. He returned to Australia in 1951 to become Professor of Public Law and Dean of the Law School.



In 1966 he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England.

Sir Zelman reflected wryly on the competition for Australia's fourth Veterinary School and noted that Murdoch was preferred to New England. He also commented on expansion of external studies which he first encountered at New England and which were also now flourishing at Murdoch.

In 1969 became Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland — the position he held till his appointment as Governor General.