



CRAWFORD MUNRO

Graduated 1921

Crawford Munro (1917-1921), school captain in his final year, graduated from Sydney University in Civil Engineering in 1926. For ten years he served as Research Officer and Resident Engineer in the Sydney Metropolitan Water, Sewerage & Drainage Board, and in 1936 was appointed as Lecturer-in-charge of the Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering in the Sydney Technical College. In the early years of World War Two he was seconded to the Department of Munitions where he held a responsible position in the manufacture of tanks and small ships. Later he served as a Major in the British Twelfth Army in Burma.

After the war, as Assistant Director of Technical Education and Head of the Department of Civil Engineering he assisted in the planning of The University of New South Wales. In 1953 he was appointed Foundation Professor of Civil Engineering. He was a member of the University Council for eight years and Chairman of Faculty for three years. He was a founding member and Honorary Director of Research of the Water Research Foundation of Australia. He was honoured by the institution of an annual Munro Oration, and induction to the Water Engineering Hall of Fame in 2004.

Crawford Munro was the father of Engineering Hydrology and Water Engineering in Australia, and no person had a greater influence on their development in the period 1945 to 1980.