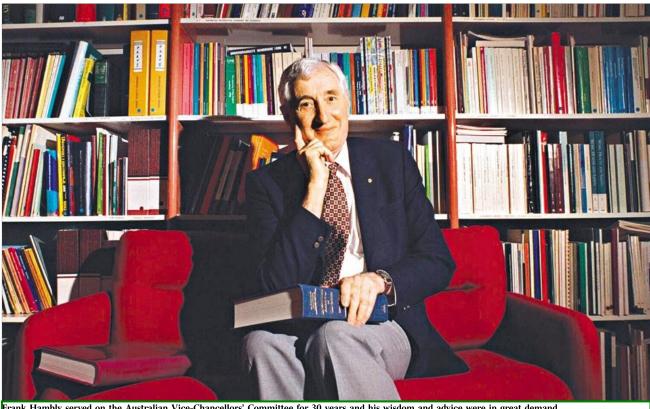
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Grace and courtesy abound in life of service



Frank Hambly served on the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee for 30 years and his wisdom and advice were in great demand.

OBITUARY

Frank Hambly, university leader. Born: Melbourne. 7 November 1935. Died: Canberra, 21 November 2018

PETER DRAKE

Francis Sutherland Hambly, the doyen of university education ir Australia, has passed away age

Frank served the universitie director and secretary of the

Committee (AVCC) from 1966 to 1996; indeed he personified the AVĆC.

Frank was a son of a Methodis and remained a dutiful Christiaı throughout his life. He supported the union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationa churches into the Uniting Church He was educated at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide and the Uni ersity of Adelaide.

After an early job in the Com nonwealth Public Service, he oined the University of Adelaide n 1959 as an administrative assist ant and served there until moving to the AVCC at the age of 31. In the 30 vears that Frank held office ir the AVCC, he saw the number o

ive-fold and he must have seen everal hundred vice-chancellor on and off the course.

Frank was universally respectd among the VCs and never a bac ord was said about him

Frank was an honest and coent mentor to vice-chancellors vho sought his advice but he wa not one to impose it. He was very knowledgeable about every uniersity and willing to assist their overning bodies to find candidates when a new VC was needed — he was often referred to as The Keeper of The Stud Book.

Frank was available and affable o all and played no favourites. He ad a good friendship with the late Michael Birt (UNSW vice-chanellor) stemming from their

passion for VFL/AFI ootball.

Frank himself was no mear ootballer, his tall physique helped s a very successful ruckman fo North Adelaide in the SAFI Apart from football, Frank's recre ations included cricket, philately and listening to music.

Frank's wisdom and advice vere in great demand, as his con ributions to very many govern nental and other educationa rganisations attest.

He was awarded honorar octorates from La Trobe and Southern Cross universities, h vas an honorary professor in the Jniversity of Canberra, an adunct professor in the University ensland and a fellow of Th

Australian College of Education. In December 1963, Frank mai

ied Patricia Wyeth and in thei ong and happy marriage raise vo sons and two daughters.

Frank Hambly was the epit-ome of grace and courtesy. He ore the immobility of his late ears with both dignity and good umour. As his lifelong friend ohn Menadue said at his funeral He was the nicest person I ever net. A life lived to the full ... for thers.

Vale Frank, we loved you and niss you but know that you have oined the communion of saints.

Peter Drake was vice-chancellor of the Australian Catholic niversity from 1991 to 199: