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# The Institution of Engineers, Australia First Meeting Place

location Royal Society House, 5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney (now demolished).

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the plaque

type **Engineering Heritage Plaque**,  
Sydney Division, The Institution of Engineers, Australia

location In the footpath outside present building at 5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

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On 1 August 1919, the following engineering societies of Australia agreed to combine to form The Institution of Engineers, Australia: Institute of Local Government Engineers, Aust.; Australasian Institute of Mining Engineers; Electrical Association of Aust.; Engineering Association of NSW; Melbourne University Engineering Society; Northern Engineering Institute of NSW; Queensland Institute of Engineers; South Aust. Institute of Engineers; Sydney University Engineering Society; Tasmanian Institute of Engineers; Victorian Institute of Engineers; Western Aust. Institution of Engineers.

The first President was Prof. W H Warren and Mr D F J Harricks was the first Secretary. The Institution was granted a Royal Charter on 10 March 1938.

plaque text

## **The Institution of Engineers**

The inaugural meeting of The Institution of Engineers, Australia was held on this site 21 October, 1919.

This plaque was unveiled 26 October 1989 by His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir David Martin KCMG AO, Governor of New South Wales.



### ***Prof. W H Warren (1852-1926)***

*Born in Bristol, England, Warren was educated at the Royal College of Science, Dublin and Owens College, Manchester. He came to Australia in 1881 and was employed by the Department of Public Works NSW before being appointed Challis Prof. of Engineering in Sydney University in 1884.*

*When he retired in 1925, he was Dean of the Faculties of Science and Engineering and President of the Professorial Board. Warren built up the School of Engineering and was recognised as a world civil engineering authority.*