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**Bro Sir DOUGLAS FRANK HEWSON PACKER KBE, Ost J. FRSA
(1906-1974)**

The media proprietor, Sir Frank Packer, was born in Sydney on 3 December 1906. He attended the Sydney Church of England Grammar School and, after leaving school in 1923, he became a cadet reporter on the *Daily Guardian*.

By 1926 he was Assistant Business Manager and, the following year, he became a Director and General Advertising Manager of the *Daily Guardian and Smith's Weekly*.

In 1933, in association with the Hon Edward Granville Theodore, Packer launched the highly successful *Australian Women's Weekly*.

In 1936, Frank Packer became Managing Director of Consolidated Press Holdings Ltd which, in 1954, became Australian Consolidated Press Ltd with Frank Packer as Chairman.

In 1939-40, at the outbreak of the Second World War, he was President of the Australian Newspapers Conference which agreed with the Commonwealth Government on censorship standards for wartime security.

In 1941-42, Packer served in the AIF and, in 1942-44, he was a Director of Personnel for the Allied Works Council. He returned to the AIF in 1945.

In 1951 he was appointed a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) and, from 1955 to 1965, he was Chairman of Television Corporation Ltd which was granted the licence to operate TCN Channel 9 in Sydney, the first commercial station to transmit in Australia.

In 1959 he received a Knighthood (KBE) and, in 1960, Sir Frank became Chairman of General Television Corporation Ltd which was granted the licence to operate GTV Channel 9 in Melbourne.

His other media interests included Chairman of Australian Associated Press (AAP) in 1951, 1952 and 1962; Director and representative of the Australian and New Zealand Press of Reuters International News Agency and President of the Australian Newspapers Council in 1950.

In 1960, Sir Frank was appointed Chairman of the Nuclear Research Foundation.

He was created an Officer of the Order of St John of Jerusalem (O.St J.) in 1967.

