



# Kurt Lambeck



**Attended Dapto Public School from 1951 – 1953**

- **Kurt Lambeck was a student at Dapto Primary School from 1951 to 1953.**
- **He attended Wollongong High School after finishing his primary schooling.**
- **After high school Kurt studied at the University of New South Wales.**
- **1963 – 1967: Kurt completed graduate studies in The Netherland (Delft), Greece (Athens) and England (Oxford) from 1963 to 1967.**
- **Later he moved to the US (Harvard) to work on the emerging space program.**
- **1971 – 1977: Kurt moved to France to contribute to the French space program.**



- **In both countries he contributed to the use of satellites for mapping and monitoring the Earth from space as well as developing programs for measuring the deformations of our planet.**
- **1977: He returned to Australia in 1977 as Professor of Geophysics at the Australian National University where he has been for much of the time since, but with long work periods in between in other countries (*back to the Netherlands, England and France many times; in Sweden and Italy, China and Japan, amongst others*).**
- **In more recent years he has been working in the area of geophysics, - understanding how the earth works, and in past climate, understanding the glacial cycles that the planet has experienced over the last million years.**
- **Kurt's major science achievements have received considerable recognition. He was elected to the Australian Academy of Science in 1984 (*which is bit like winning the national championships in athletics*).**
- **He was also elected to the Royal Society in the UK, (*which is a bit like winning Olympic Gold*), as well as many other Foreign Science Academies.**
- **Kurt has also contributed to government committees to advance science for the good of the nation. This includes time on the Prime Minister's Science Council.**
- **In the education area Kurt has also played a major role by developing the Primary Connections program (for teaching science in primary schools) during the years of my Presidency of the Australian Academy of Science, as well as developing science linkages across Asia.**
- **Kurt has had a very exciting life, and continues to do so, as he works and divides his time between Canberra and Paris.**
- **And it all started at Dapto Public School!**

*Kurt says: "I have had a very exciting life, and I continue to as I travel between Canberra & Paris. And it all started at DAPTO!"*