

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS CITATION FOR FELLOWSHIP – EWAN JONES

An extract from a citation by the University of Ballarat, upon granting him an honorary doctorate in 2002, reads thus: “Ewan Jones, architect, community leader and wine-maker, for his service to Ballarat and district communities, including the development of Sovereign Hill and many buildings at the SMB and Mt Helen campuses of the University”.

As CEO/RAIA, and latterly as Registrar of the NSW Board of Architects over a period of some 27 Years, I have observed at close hand many architects around Australia in their creating - and recreating – modes. Ewan Jones is one of a number of architects who have excelled in their chosen careers whilst at the same time successfully pursuing other consuming passions. Apart from his proven architectural skills in designing and building many noteworthy buildings, (some of which have received awards from his professional peers), Ewan Jones has created, in parallel, wines of distinction from the vineyard he established in 1973, “Dalwhinnie” – ‘the highest vineyard in the Pyrenees’ – wines that are presently acclaimed by connoisseurs around the world.

On a personal level, one of his colleagues once remarked: “Ewan’s enjoyment of life is contagious. When you are with him, whether on business or a social occasion, it is always a fun time. Everyone loves Ewan because of his sense of humour.”

Dr Ewan Jones FRAIA, Architect, of Ballarat, Victoria is, I believe, a worthy candidate for elevation to RAIA Life Fellowship. I commend this nomination to those responsible for elevating the profession’s status through recognition of excellence within its membership.