

# THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS CITATION FOR LIFE FELLOWSHIP – ROGER POOLE

*Roger Poole has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of architecture through his involvement as a leader of one of Australia's oldest architectural practices and by extension, through his contribution to the development of large practice culture in Victoria; through his advocacy of the dissemination of architecture through the media; and through his active involvement as an architect in the Committee for Melbourne and the Property Council of Australia (Victorian Branch).*

*Roger Poole is a senior member of the architectural profession in Victoria and since 1998 has been Executive Chairman of Bates Smart Pty Ltd, Victoria's oldest and one of Australia's oldest architectural firms. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA in 1942, Poole graduated in architecture from the University of Washington (Seattle) then entered the PhD in City Planning and Urban Design at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. After a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in 1965 for study in Japan, Poole worked with landscape architect Sasaki Dawson DeMay in Boston and then the ACS Partnership, Architects in Hawaii. He then moved permanently to Australia, establishing a small practice before joining the firm of Perrott Lyon Timlock & Kesa.*

*In 1974, Poole joined Bates, Smart & McCutcheon as a design architect, and was actively involved in the award-winning projects for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Headquarters, Eastern Hill (1975-78) and Budget Rent-a-Car offices, North Melbourne (1980). He was made an Associate in 1976, Associate Director in 1979, became a Director in 1981, and Chairman of Bates Smart in 1998. For more than thirty years, he has played a leading and significant role in his firm's delivery of largescale and high quality architectural projects across the corporate, institutional, health and hospitality sectors.*

*Poole became a member of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects in 1975 and a Fellow in 1983. In 1986 he was elected a Chapter Councillor and joined the Executive under the President, Charles Justin, serving as Vice President External Affairs from 1986-1988. Over the last twenty years, Poole has participated on numerous occasions as jury member or chair in the annual Victorian Architecture Awards. In 1984, Chapter President Dimity Reed, sought financial support from Bates, Smart & McCutcheon for a new 'Award for Architectural Journalism' as part of the annual awards program and the Bates Smart Award for Architecture in the Media was established. Poole has been a champion and a frequent juror for this award which has been operating for more than twenty-five years. At the same time, Poole's enthusiastic support lay behind Bates, Smart & McCutcheon's generous support for the restoration and furnishing of the RAlA Victorian Chapter Council Room in South Melbourne.*

*Poole was Chairman of the School Council of St. Catherine's Girls School, Toorak (1999-2003). He is an active member and public advocate for architecture on several committees related to the development of Melbourne, including the Property Council of Australia (Victorian Branch) since the early 1980s and most prominently since 1994, through the Committee for Melbourne.*