

Mr Clive Lucas OBE

The degree of Doctor of Science in Architecture (*honoris causa*) was conferred upon Mr Clive Lucas OBE, BArch Sydney, LFRAIA FRSA, at the Faculty of Architecture, Design & Planning graduation ceremony held in the Great Hall at 9.30am on Friday 15 April 2011.

Mr Lucas has been Director of Clive Lucas, Stapleton and Partners Pty Ltd, a Sydney based architecture and heritage consultancy, since 1970 and is an internationally acclaimed specialist in the heritage and conservation arena and responsible for sensitive restoration of some of the most notable buildings in NSW.



The Chair of the Academic Board, Associate Professor Peter McCallum and honorary degree recipient Mr Clive Lucas OBE, *photo, copyright Memento Photography.*

Citation

Professor McCallum, it gives me great pleasure to commend Clive Leslie Lucas O.B.E. to you for the degree of Doctor of Science in Architecture (*honoris causa*). Mr Lucas has distinguished himself as an eminent Australian architect in the heritage field, a distinguished scholar and author, a committed advocate for his profession and a distinguished alumnus of this University.

Mr Lucas was educated at Macquarie Boys' High School and studied architecture at the University of Sydney, winning the Goodwin Prize in 1964 and graduating in 1966. After working for 3 years in the UK he returned to Australia to commence practice in the conservation and restoration of heritage buildings, which has been his life's passion.

He has an encyclopedic knowledge not only of the history of Australian architects and their work, but also the building techniques they employed, which has enabled him to carry out the meticulous scholarly research necessary in conserving old buildings and giving them new life and meaning. Among his early works was the rescue of Elizabeth Bay House which was the first serious conservation of a major historic building to the highest possible standards in the Sydney region.

Other important projects include Old Government House Parramatta and St Paul's College at this University. In more recent times he undertook conservation work in close collaboration with Richard Francis-Jones on the historic fabric of the Mint in Macquarie Street for the headquarters of the Historic Houses Trust. This highly important work won the dual awards of Sulman Medal for Public Architecture and the Greenway Award for Conservation for the first time.

Mr Lucas' outstanding achievements have been recognised by his profession, with some 29 merit awards and named awards from the Australian Institute of Architects including no less than 7 Greenway Awards, the profession's highest honour for historical conservation in NSW and 8 Lachlan Macquarie Awards, the profession's equivalent national honour.

Indeed he is unique, having won more awards than any architect in NSW.

Mr Lucas has also published widely on the history of Australian architecture and the conservation and restoration of buildings, not only on issues of philosophy and approach, but in the technical conservation of building fabric and interior colour schemes.

He has also been a passionate advocate for his profession, having served on numerous committees of the National Trust of Australia, the Historic Houses Trust of NSW (which he founded), and the Australian Heritage Commission. For these achievements the alumni of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning of this University awarded him their Community Service Award in 2010.

He was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1977 along with the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal.

Professor McCallum, Clive Lucas is an outstanding alumnus of this University who has applied the highest intellectual standards to the practice of his professional art, and who has enriched this nation with his works and scholarship, and his vigorous promotion of his profession in the community. I commend him to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science in Architecture (*honoris causa*).