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AJ+C's Keith Cottier awarded prestigious architectural honour

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Allen Jack+Cottier (AJ+C)'s Chairman Keith Cottier AM has been awarded the 2009 Doctor of Science in Architecture (honoris causa) by The University of Sydney.

Keith joins a distinguished line of architects including Glenn Murcutt (2004), Harry Seidler (2003) and Joern Utzon (2000) in receiving the honorary degree that recognises distinguished creative achievement or outstanding contribution beyond a person's specific field of work, which has influenced the well-being of the wider community.

"Keith has contributed generously not only to architecture but to society in general," said Trevor Howells, Director of Graduate Program (Heritage Conservation) at the University's Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning. "His tireless commitment to heritage conservation and skilled approach in adapting old buildings to new uses has left a lasting legacy on our community."

Keith's most significant works include the Penfolds Magill Estate Redevelopment in Adelaide (Winner, 1995 Australian Institute of Building Award for Outstanding Professional Excellence), where he married the old and new at the birthplace of Australia's premium wine, Penfolds Grange. He demonstrated his profound understanding of the sense of place and new social conditions at the Wylie's Baths in Coogee, Sydney (Winner, 1995 RAA Greenway Award).

His direct involvement with the University includes the design of its Seymour Centre (Winner, RAA Merit Award) and Schaeffer Library, where he transformed dark and crowded halls into inspiring and creative learning centres. He also delivers occasional lectures and tutorials to the University's architectural students.

Addressing students at the Faculty of Architecture's graduation ceremony on 27 November 2009, Cottier challenged young architects to be firmer, more assertive and find new solutions and standards to a more sustainable way of life.

"In my youth, architecture was simply about designing buildings...But for many, like me, the houses have led to an interest in housing, to the study of communities, to the structures of our towns and cities, and to the health of our planet," he said. "Afterall, great architecture is always exploring that tension between private pleasure and public responsibility."

Keith has been a driving force behind AJ+C's quality of work since becoming a director in 1965 and has been recognised by an unequalled number of design awards. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2004 and awarded a Gold Medal by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects in 2001.

About us

Allen Jack + Cottier (AJ+C) is one of Australia's most awarded architectural firms, with 57 years' experience in planning, architecture, conservation, urban design, interiors and graphics, combined with a youthful ability to see things in new and dynamic ways.

Based in Sydney with offices in Brisbane, Beijing, Ho Chi Minh City, Kuala Lumpur, Perth and Shanghai, AJ+C employs over 100 practitioners and has a longstanding commitment to high standards and ecological sustainability.

Our landmark projects have changed the way people live and work and have influenced how they think about design. These include town and commercial centres, residential developments, wineries, healthcare facilities, schools and universities, libraries, churches, cinemas, art galleries, carparks, hotels, spas, and sporting venues in Australia and internationally.

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