

## THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS CITATION FOR LIFE FELLOWSHIP – ELI GIANNINI

*Eli Giannini has made an outstanding contribution to the practice of architecture and The Royal Australian Institute of Architects. She has practiced architecture as a Principal with the award winning McGauran Giannini Soon Architects, where she leads design. Eli Giannini's distinctive architecture has been the recipient of numerous RAI A awards.*

*Eli's energetic character has made her a significant role model within the profession, particularly for women. She has throughout her career been a consistent advocate of architecture beyond mainstream thinking and the conventional. She has consistently demonstrated leadership through her social agenda activism. Her insightful commentary and promotion of architectural issues in the mainstream media throughout her time as President of the Victorian Chapter paved the way for Victorian architects to re-engage with the State Government.*

*She has served on numerous RAI A taskforces, juries and committees, and between 2002- 2004, she served as President of the Victoria Chapter and National Councillor of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects*

*Her work has been widely published in a wide array of professional journals and she has presented papers at numerous architectural and urban design conferences throughout Australia and overseas. In 1995 she was awarded a grant from The Australian Council for the Arts for Metroscape 11, a study on the design of freeways.*

*Her multiple talent and energy has extended in to education at each of the Schools of Architecture in the State of Victoria in numerous capacities including teaching, policy development and mentoring.*

*Eli's creative energy extends to the arts as well. This includes collaboration with artists on architectural projects and installation work undertaken with Sue Buchanan. The work described as having a strong visual connection derived through tapping into the cultural wallpaper of our time, is often funny, ephemeral in nature, and yet always beautiful, very much like Eli herself.*