



## MICHAEL RAYNER AM

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### DIRECTOR



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#### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture (Honours 1),  
University of New South Wales, 1980



#### MEMBERSHIPS + AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

Fellow, Australian Academy of  
Technological Sciences + Engineering

Life Fellow, Australian Institute of Architects

Associate, Royal Institute of British Architects



#### REGISTRATIONS

Board of Architects of QLD,  
Registration No. 2495

NSW Architects Registration Board, No. 4348

NT Architects Board, Registration No. AR1128



#### CURRENT POSITIONS

Adjunct Professor in Architecture,  
University of Queensland

Adjunct Professor in Architecture,  
Griffith University

Chair, Griffith University  
Architecture Advisory Board

Member, Queensland Urban Design + Places Panel

Board Member, Property Industry  
Foundation Queensland

Member, Old Queensland  
Museum Advisory Board



#### BACKGROUND

Michael Rayner is a Director of Blight Rayner Architecture formed in 2016. He was previously Principal Director of Cox Rayner Architects which he established in Brisbane in 1990. In both capacities, Michael has contributed widely to the urban design quality of Queensland, and he has been integral in the creation of major international public buildings such as the National Maritime Museum of China in Tianjin and the Helix Pedestrian Bridge in Singapore.

Michael is a Life Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects and a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. In 2011, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to architecture and urban design in Australia, and to the Queensland community. He has been an Adjunct Professor in Architecture at the University of Queensland since 2009, and an Adjunct Professor in Architecture at Griffith University since 2014.



#### EDUCATION

Michael graduated with First Class Honours from the University of NSW in 1980, his final year thesis winning the Building Science Forum of Australia National Architecture Thesis Medal. While at Philip Cox and Partners in Sydney, he was awarded the Australian Institute of Architects Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarship and the Australian Institute of Architects ACI Travelling Scholarship.



#### PROFESSIONAL

Michael is a Past President of the Australian Institute of Architects Queensland Chapter (2000-02). He has served on several Queensland Government Boards and Councils, including the Premier's Smart State Council (2006-12), Queensland Design Council (2009-12) and Creative Industries Leadership Group (2004-12). He was a representative of the Health sector at the Australian Government's Ideas Summit in Canberra in 2008, and a Councillor of the Australian Business Arts Foundation (1997-2011). He has been a member of the Brisbane Lord Mayor's Urban Futures Board (2008-12) and Independent Design Advisory Panel (2006-12). Michael is currently a member of the Queensland Government's Urban Design Advisory Panel.



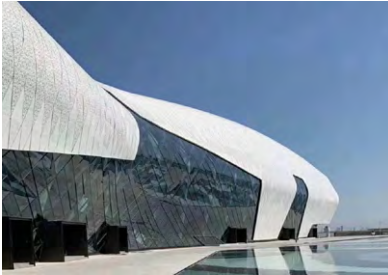
#### INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

Michael was one of three Creative Directors of the Australian Institute of Architects National Conference in Brisbane in 2012. He was the Awards Director for the Queensland Architecture Awards in the same year. He has been a National Councillor of the Australian Institute of Architects, and has participated in numerous panels fostering improved design delivery processes.

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NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OF CHINA, TIANJIN



HELIX PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, SINGAPORE



KURILPA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, BRISBANE



THURINGOWA RIVERWAY, TOWNSVILLE



SIR SAMUEL GRIFFITH CENTRE, BRISBANE

## ARCHITECTURE

While principal of Cox Rayner Architects, Michael played a significant design role in the design of many of Queensland's public, arts, educational, commercial and infrastructure projects. They include the Kurilpa and Goodwill Pedestrian Bridges, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Magistrates Court, One One One Eagle Street, Griffith University's Sir Samuel Griffith Centre and its campus revitalisation, and the flood-resilient Brisbane Ferry Terminals. In regional Queensland, his projects include Thuringowa Riverway and the Flinders Street Revitalisation in Townsville, Cairns Convention Centre, Artspace Mackay, and Griffith University Health Centre on the Gold Coast.

Michael's current projects include The Lanes Town Centre on the Gold Coast, Ipswich Convention and Exhibition Centre, and the New Performing Arts Venue in Brisbane's South Bank won in an international competition.

## URBAN DESIGN

Michael has equally contributed through master planning and urban design to Queensland urban environments. They include, while at Cox Rayner, Griffith University's Nathan and Gold Coast Campuses, the Newstead-Teneriffe Urban Waterfront in Brisbane, the Queensland Cultural Centre Millennium Arts Precinct, and the Cairns Cityport. Internationally his Cox Rayner master plans have won many international competitions - including for Singapore's Marina Bay, the Singapore Management University, and Yichang and Ningbo City Centres in China. Michael's current urban design projects for Blight Rayner Architecture include the Griffith University Logan Campus Master Plan and the Gympie Civic and Cultural Precinct north of Brisbane.

## PRO-BONO

Michael has at any one time a project being undertaken pro-bono for organisations with important causes. They have included with Cox Rayner - the Youngcare Foundation, Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum in Winton, and the Many Shades Orphanage in Tanzania. Currently, he is providing pro-bono design services for Act for Kids in Brisbane, and he is a Queensland board member of the Property Industry Foundation (PIF) helping to house homeless youth. He is a member of the Old Queensland Museum Advisory Board Working to repurpose this major historic building for the arts and public engagement.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Michael has delivered several significant public speeches over thirty years, including at the FIDIC International Engineering Convention in Switzerland in 2001, at the Mikhail Gorbachev-led Earth Dialogues Forum in Brisbane in 2011, and for the Australian Embassy in Beijing under the title 'Australia-Living on the Edge' in late 2017. He has spoken at the Victorian Art Gallery, the Gallery of Modern Art Brisbane, the State Library of Queensland, and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, and given many television and radio interviews.

## AWARDS

Michael played significant design and planning roles in Cox Rayner projects that have won premium Australian Institute of Architects National Awards such as Thuringowa Riverway and Flinders Street Revitalisation in Townsville and the University of Queensland Oral Health Centre. He led or was integral to projects which won over 30 named AIA Queensland Awards. He made the presentations which won seven World Architecture Festival Awards between 2010 and 2013, and was a member of the World Architecture Festival Super Jury in 2014. In 2010, Michael won the Architecture category of the London International Creative Competition.