

Lawrence S Smith AM

Landscape Architect

Lawrie established Landplan Studio in Brisbane in 1974. Since then his company has grown to become one of Australia's leading Landscape Architectural consultancies with a wide range of significant experience and expertise. Retired since 2004, Lawrie has concentrated on providing consultancy roles in specialized areas of his personal expertise – specifically Botanic Gardens.

He has held various administrative positions in professional and community organizations, including: Australian Native Plants Society - National President & Vice President; Botanic Gardens Australia & New Zealand Qld. - Secretary; Society for Growing Australian Plants - Queensland President; Australian Institute Landscape Architects - Queensland President, Vice President & Secretary.

Lawrie built his career around a strong personal belief in two major areas:

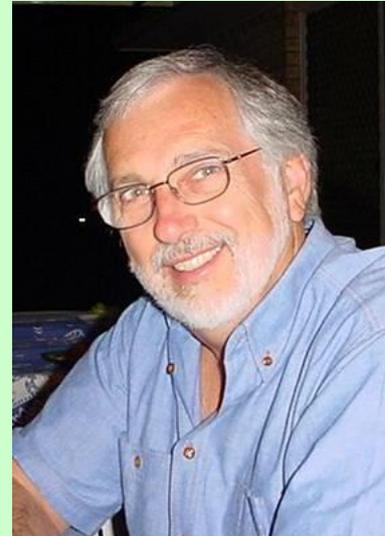
- ***the unique quality and value of the Australian environment,***
- ***the provision of quality open space facilities for the community.***

This combined philosophy is evident in some of the more significant projects for which he has been responsible: World Expo 88 Brisbane, the Australian Gardens at Liverpool International Garden Festival 1984 and International Garden and Greenery Exposition Osaka 1990; Regional Botanic Gardens in Gladstone, Bundaberg, Darwin, Mt. Isa, Longreach, Gold Coast, Barcaldine, Sunshine Coast, Townsville, Maroochy, Tweed, Dubbo, Cairns, Mackay and Whitsunday.

Lawrie was jointly responsible, as a member of the *p.a.r.c* consortium, for the planning and design of Roma Street Parkland and Gardens. Located on 16 hectares of disused railway land in central Brisbane, this specialized parkland showcases the subtropical flora of Australia and the world, and is arguably the most significant of all his projects.

Throughout his career Lawrie has maintained a strong social philosophy primarily concentrating on the provision of specialised parkland, open space developments, as well as major national and international exhibitions which provide and introduce people to quality urban environments and enhanced lifestyles through applying innovative landscape and amenity horticulture initiatives.

Over the past forty-five years of practice he has developed a comprehensive knowledge of plant communities and materials for the various regions of Australia as well as other world regions with similar climatic zones to Australia. This extensive plant knowledge is specifically relevant to the numerous botanic gardens he has been responsible for.



Graduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture GDLA
Queensland Institute of Technology 1972

Bachelor of Architecture B Arch
University of Queensland 1968

Fellow Australian Institute of
Landscape Architects

Associate Royal Australian Institute of
Architects

Born 18 August 1943, Brisbane
Married 1969.

Centenary Medal

Awarded in 2003 in recognition of his contribution to the community through the practice of Landscape Architecture

Order of Australia AM

Awarded in 2004 for service to landscape architecture, particularly in the development of major Australian botanic gardens through contributions to professional and community organizations.