



2007 BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Festival Writer: Barry Jones

Barry Owen Jones, AO, is one of Australia's living treasures as well as a writer, broadcaster and former Labor politician. His career has spanned education, film, politics, civil liberties, constitutional change and 'the knowledge society'.

His books include *Macmillan Dictionary of Biography* 1981, *Sleepers Wake! Technology and the Future of Work* 1982, *Living by our Wits* 1986, *Barry Jones' Dictionary of World Biography* 1994, 1996, 1998. His autobiography, *A Thinking Reed*, was published in October last year.



Barry Jones represented the federal seat of Labor (1977-98) and in the Hawke Government became Australia's longest serving Science Minister (1983-90). He served as National President of the Australian Labor Party 1992-2000 and again 2005-06.

He currently serves on the boards of CARE Australia, the Macfarlane Burnet Institute, the Centre for Eye Research, Australia, the Australian Stem Cell Centre and chairs Vision 2020 Australia and the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority. He is also a Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

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