

Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee - Member Biographies

Surname	First Name	Biography
Chair		
Townsend	Lester	Lester Townsend was appointed as Senior Panel Member in 2005, following several years as a sessional member. He has undergraduate qualifications in town and regional planning and post graduate qualifications in sociology. Lester has significant expertise in strategic and statutory planning, project implementation and plain English communication and drafting. He has previously worked in the Local Government and private sectors. Lester is a Fellow of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. Lester has chaired a number of Panels and Advisory Committees, including the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee and was Deputy chair of the Fishermans Bend Advisory Committee.
Deputy Chair		
Underwood	Geoff	<p>Geoff Underwood is a Senior Sessional Member of Planning Panels Victoria. He is the principal of Underwood & Hume Pty Ltd a planning consultancy with a range of experience in statutory, strategic and development planning. He acts for private clients and local and state government. Geoff has experience and knowledge of the Victoria planning and development system which comes from working as a ministerial advisor beginning in 1971 and extending to 2006. He has a specialist knowledge in statutory and strategic planning, development planning including Precinct Structure Plans and Contribution Plans, and policy development.</p> <p>Geoff has engaged in policy development for Melbourne 2030 Reference Group from 2002; the Urban Development Program in 2005 as Chairman when Director of Development Facilitation for the Victorian Government 2004-2006; the Growth Areas Establishment Task Force 2006; to Ministerial Advisory Committees when Chairman of committees reviewing the Victorian Planning System in 2011 and the review of the Residential, Industrial, Commercial and Rural zones for Victoria.</p>

Members		
Malouf	Michael	Michael Malouf is a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria. His qualifications include a civil engineering degree, an MBA and post graduate qualifications in municipal engineering and the Company Directors qualification. He has held CEO roles at VicRoads, Barwon Water, Melbourne, Greater Geelong, Wyndham, Werribee and Melton Councils and at the Carlton Football Club. He is currently Chair of the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust and sits on the Board of Southern Rural Water. He is a Fellow of Engineers Australia, the IPAA and the AICD. His primary areas of expertise are in transport planning, stormwater management, traffic impacts, water and sewerage supply and demand and also has extensive experience in major projects with a strong understanding of business and commercial principles.
McGuinness	Shelley	Shelley McGuinness is a Senior Consultant with a private sector company working with clients from across state and local government, and the private sector. She has strongly developed strategic planning skills and an ability to develop and apply logical methodologies to complex problems resulting in workable, robust strategies and policy solutions. With over 25 years' experience, Shelley has an in-depth understanding of rural communities, industries, environments and natural resources, their inter-relationships and inter-dependencies. Her skills and experience have been applied to rural and regional strategic land use planning, agricultural industry analysis, assessment of land capability and suitability, land use conflict and environmental planning.
McMillan	Gabby	Gabby McMillian has been a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria since early 2018. She is a planning and environmental lawyer and runs a legal and planning practice. Prior to establishing her business, Gabby worked in various roles in State government, local government and private practice in Australia and the UK. She has practical experience in environmental assessment, infrastructure projects, bushfire, statutory and strategic planning.