

# REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - VICTORIAN COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS

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## EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION

### **Chairperson: Peter Chaffey**

Peter is Knox City Council's Economic Development Coordinator and was previously Executive Director, Office of Knowledge Capital at Melbourne City Council.

Peter has been involved in urban and regional development activities for most of his career. This experience has included developing regional policy and programs for business and industry and the role of founding Executive Director of the Western Port Development Council.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Kaele Way AM**

Kaele served for six years as a councillor with City of Whitehorse and was sole business operator of The Way Ahead Group from 1998-2008. She is the National President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association and was formerly Deputy Chair of the Australian Women's Alliance.

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## NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION

### **Chairperson: Bob McQuillen**

Bob is the Managing Director of RMD Industries, a large manufacturing company with business sites across Australia and overseas. He has had significant senior management experience with a range of companies since 1992.

Bob was Deputy Chair of the Melbourne North and West Area Consultative Committee from October 2007 and before that was Chairperson of the Northern Melbourne Area Consultative Committee from 1995 to 2007.

He has been a Board member of NORTH Link/NIETL (the industry network for the north) since 1995. Previously he was Chairperson of the Northern Small Business Support Service, and a former Board member of Second Chance, an employment support group for people with a criminal conviction.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Anne Badenhorst**

Since June 2008, Anne has been the Director of Industry Solutions at Swinburne University. Anne previously held roles as Director of Industry Partnerships and Director Community and Regional Partnerships at RMIT University in Bundoora.

Anne was a member of the Northern Melbourne Area Consultative Committee (ACC) and Melbourne's North and West ACC from 2001 and was the Secretary from 2003.

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## SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION

### **Chairperson: John Bennie**

John has been the CEO of Greater Dandenong City Council since October 2006 and is also a Director of South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance and South East Developments.

He was previously CEO of Manningham City Council from 1999 to 2006.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Faith FitzGerald**

Faith has been the CEO of RMIT Training Pty Ltd the (commercial arm of RMIT) since 2002.

Faith has worked as a consultant, and for the ACT and Victorian governments, including her role as Director of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board.

Faith was Mayor of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe from 1978 to 1979.

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## **WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGION**

### **Chairperson: Bill Jaboor**

Bill has been the CEO of Hobsons Bay Council since 2004. He was formerly the CEO of the City of Greater Shepparton from 1994 to 2004.

Bill is a Board Member of the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority and a Director of the Seaworks Foundation.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Professor Elizabeth Harman**

Elizabeth has been the Vice-Chancellor and President of Victoria University since October 2003. She was previously Deputy-Vice Chancellor of Edith Cowan University in Western Australia from 1998 to 2003.

She is a Board member of the Business and Higher Education Roundtable, a Board member of Universities Australia and member of a range of other reviews and working parties.

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## **BARWON SOUTH WEST REGION**

### **Chairperson: Bruce Anson of Warrnambool**

Bruce is the CEO of Warrnambool City Council where he previously served as a senior officer for more than 20 years, commencing in 1987 as Deputy Town Clerk and from 1991 as Director Finance and Administration. He was Director Corporate Services from 1995 to 2008.

Representing the region on a range of forums, including the Regional Cities Victoria Group and the Great South Coast CEOs Group, Bruce has a good understanding of the issues driving coastal cities as well the challenges facing rural economies.

### **Co-Deputy Chairpersons: Ed Coppe and Peter Dorling**

#### **Ed Coppe of Geelong**

Both as elected Councillor and former Mayor, and as a principal of his own firm, Ed has played a major role in the economic development of Geelong. This work and his consultancy in wealth creation and retirement planning were informed by his former role as member of the Mars company's Superannuation Board of Trustees and his senior marketing and management positions with the company. Ed's achievements include important contributions to the establishment of the Committee for Geelong and the development of the Geelong Major Events Committee.

Ed is a current Board member and Chairperson of the G21 Geelong Regional Alliance and a member of the Victorian Government's Regional Development Advisory Committee.

## **Peter Dorling of Geelong**

Peter is currently Executive Director of the Committee for Geelong, a position he has held since 2001. Prior to this role, Peter had 25 years' experience in local government with a history in regional planning and regional development.

Peter was also a Board member and Treasurer of the Geelong Area Consultative Committee.

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## **GIPPSLAND REGION**

### **Chairperson: Richard Elkington of Traralgon**

Richard has held senior management positions with Loy Yang Power Limited since 2004 and is currently Executive General Manager, People and Positioning. He has been a Director of East Gippsland Water since October 2007 and was formerly Chairperson of Gippsland Water from 2000 to 2007.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Angela Hutson of Paynesville**

Angela brings a wealth of experience in education and skills development to her role as Deputy Chair of the Gippsland RDA Committee.

Since 2004, she has been CEO of East Gippsland Institute of TAFE, having previously been the Deputy Director from 1994 to 2003. From 2003 to 2004 she was General Manager, Organisational Development at Box Hill Institute of TAFE.

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## **GRAMPIANS REGION**

### **Chairperson: Joanne Bourke of Rupanyup**

Joanne has held senior management roles throughout western Victoria. She has contributed to the Wimmera's development in her roles with community groups and as an elected local Councillor and local government Commissioner.

Joanne is currently Pipeline Development Officer for Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water. Her previous experience has included consultation, policy and project management roles with regional organisations such as the Western Forum, Wimmera Employment Promotions, North Western Municipalities Association and the Wimmera Development Association.

Joanne has chaired and managed planning authorities in her region including the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority and the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project Planning Committee.

Joanne is also a member of the Victorian Government's Regional Development Advisory Committee.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Michael Tudball of Bacchus Marsh**

Michael is currently the Mayor of Moorabool Shire Council. He is also a Board Member of the Country Fire Authority and Vice-President of Djerriwarrh Health Services.

## **HUME REGION**

### **Chairperson: Hayley Cail of Wangaratta**

Hayley is the Program Area Leader for Wodonga Institute of TAFE, a role which has a strong business development component, complementing her management role in her family's business, Rowan Street Chiropractic.

In the past 17 years, working as a facilitator, educator and consultant, Hayley has worked with numerous community groups and businesses to address their training needs. She has also made a significant contribution to skilled migration and drought recovery in the region.

Hayley is a member of the Wangaratta Unlimited advisory board whose core focus is to promote and generate sustainable economic development for the region.

Hayley is also a member of the Victorian Government's Regional Development Advisory Committee.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Jim O'Connor of Shepparton**

James has been the CEO of Worktrainers Limited since 1996, providing employment and associated services in central and north-east Victoria. He is also a Board member of the Goulburn Valley Division of General Practice, a community member of the State Secondary Schools Education Advisory Board in Shepparton/Mooroopna, and a member of Foodbowl Unlimited Inc.

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## **LODDON MALLEE REGION**

### **Chairperson: Jenny Dawson of Bendigo**

Jenny has developed a successful career in the finance industry and is currently non-Executive Director of the Bendigo Bank and Chair of the bank's Audit Committee.

Jenny is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In addition, she assists business and not-for-profit organisations including the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo and the Coliban Regional Water Authority.

Jenny was previously a Council member of the Loddon Mallee Women's Health Service and still belongs to women's networks in addition to professional and business organisations.

Jenny is also a member of the Victorian Government's Regional Development Advisory Committee.

### **Deputy Chairperson: Stuart McLean of Wycheproof**

Stuart was the Chairperson of the Central Victorian Area Consultative Committee for the past two and a half years.

He has been a Councillor with the Buloke Shire Council for the past 13 years including two terms as Mayor. Stuart has recently been appointed for a fourth term to the North Central Catchment Management Authority.