

Public Works Foundations Program



Course Outline

Planning Foundations

What is the Planning Foundations course?

This course is one of a series of **Public Works Foundations Program** courses curated by IPWEA Victoria to develop the skills of public works professionals in key responsibility areas. Each course comprises four 4-hour sessions presented over consecutive weeks.

Course Overview

This course will provide public works engineering professionals with an understanding of strategic and statutory planning and their role in the application referral process:

- Session 1: **Introduction and Planning 101**
- Session 2: **Understanding Local Govt and Decision-Making**
- Session 3: **How Engineers Interact with the Planning System**
- Session 4: **The Ethics and Politics of Planning**

Learning Objectives

After completing this course, participants should be able to:

- Recognise the principles of the planning process
- Understand the role of the council, decision making and delegations
- Recognise the components of planning schemes and their application
- Interpret relevant planning legislation and the role of referral authorities
- Understand the differences between the application of zones and overlays
- Identify the permit process including advertising, conditions, referrals and the relevance of planning scheme amendments
- Understand enforcement and the VCAT process
- Comprehend the use of schedules and definitions
- Distinguish between the strategic and statutory elements of the planning scheme.
- Gain a deeper understanding of the structure and operations of Local Government
- Understand the operations of a Council meeting, decision-making processes, the role of the participants and the politics at work
- Build an understanding of the practical decision-making processes and the key powers of decision-makers

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Delivery

The course is presented online to maximise accessibility for regional & interstate participants.

Facilitators

Cazz Redding MPIA (Fellow)

Cazz Redding runs Schemology (formerly known as Redink Planning), a town-planning consultancy based in north-east Victoria focussing on project management, strategic planning, drafting of planning scheme controls and training planners.

Julie Reid MPIA

Julie has had over 30 years' experience working in Local Government both nationally and internationally. She is a qualified Master of Planning and has a Graduate Diploma in Management and Bachelor of Arts (Urban Studies).

Who should enrol?

This course has been developed for public works engineering professionals and entrants to local government seeking to better understand how planning decisions are made.

CPD and Badge

The course provides 16-hours of professional development. A digital badge is provided on completion for social media application and Public Works Foundations Program graduates will be awarded a **Certificate of Public Works Engineering**.

Course Partner

