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Janet Rice

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Janet Rice has combined a professional career in the fields of environment, community and facilitation with being a Councillor of City of Maribyrnong; active involvement in community activities, having a leadership role in the development of The Australian Greens Victoria, and being a parent.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- *B Sc Hons - Meteorology (Melb)*
- *Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Trillium Group)*
- *Advanced Groupwork Certificate (Groupwork Institute of Australia)*
- *Professional Year, Groupwork Institute of Australia*

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Janet Rice has over twenty five years experience working with community organisations, government and the community. She combines expertise in community development and involvement, strategic planning, and public policy with strong research and analytical skills.

Janet is an expert facilitator, with extensive experience in facilitating strategic planning processes, and planning and running community forums, ranging from community reference groups to large workshops. She enjoys working with groups of people to help them to achieve their goals, and planning and implementing processes for social and behavioural change helping to achieve a more sustainable society. She has a special interest in sustainability in general and sustainable transport and water management in particular.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER SUMMARY

Janet Rice Facilitation and Community Involvement 2003-present.
Clients include Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres, Merri Creek Management Committee, Cities of Yarra and Darebin and Barwon Water. Janet was part of a VLGA team training Mayors in the Philippines in community engagement in mid 2008. *See overleaf for projects and clients*

Senior consultant, Context Pty Ltd 1998 - 2002
Projects included facilitation of community engagement and consultation processes for local governments, Melbourne Water and other agencies.

Ride to Work Coordinator Bicycle Victoria 1993 - 1997
Janet developed Bicycle Victoria's Ride to Work campaign and oversaw its initial strong growth. The Ride to Work program has continued to grow since this time.

Co-ordinator and Forest Campaigner, East Gippsland Coalition 1987 - 1990
New National Parks in East Gippsland on the Errinundra Plateau and protecting the Rodger River forests were achieved during this time.

Water Policy officer, Department of Water Resources 1985- 1986

Project Officer, Conservation Council of Victoria (now Environment Victoria) 1983- 1985

FACILITATION and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS 2003- present

Sustainable Melbourne Alliance for Transport and Urbanism

Strategic Planning and Executive Support 2008 - present

The Sustainable Melbourne Alliance is a newly formed Alliance of organisations and individuals from across Melbourne who are wanting to work together to promote and advocate for sustainable transport and urban form. My role with the Alliance has been auspiced by the Centre for Governance and Management of Urban Transport at University of Melbourne to help establish the Alliance and develop a program of activities for 2009-10.

Contact Dr John Stone, GAMUT Transport Research 8344 6453 stoneja@unimelb.edu.au

Victorian Local Governance Association

Community Engagement Training of Mayors from Misamis Occidental, Philippines 2008

I was a member of a team of trainers who planned and ran a three day training program in community engagement for Mayors from Misamis Occidental Province in the Philippines. My focus was on participatory budgeting processes.

Contact Darren Ray, CEO 9349 7901, Darren@vlga.org.au

Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres

Campaign Planning 2005-06, and Strategic Planning 2007 and 2008

Working with the ANHLC Board, their campaign working group and representatives of neighbourhood houses across Victoria, I planned and facilitated a series of campaign planning workshops throughout 2005-06 to plan the successful campaign for more funding for neighbourhood houses and community centres. In 2007 and 2008 I facilitated strategic planning processes for the Board

Contact Merial Clark, Executive Officer to 2008. 0414 351 352

Merri Creek Management Committee

Strategic planning 2005 - 07

Working with board, staff and volunteers to develop a strategic plan for the organisation. The process extended over a lengthy period of time because of resource limitations. We held three workshops with the board and staff. I was responsible for all analysis and write-up of the Plan.

Contact Luisa Macmillan, CEO 9380 8199 Luisa@mcmc.org.au

Darebin Volunteering Project

Project Planning workshops 2007-8

I ran four project planning workshops with the Darebin Volunteering Project through 2007 and 2008 which have incorporated planning the transition of the Northcote Community Information and Support Service into a broader volunteer resource program. The workshops have involved staff from Darebin Council and NCISS, and board members and volunteer staff from NCISS.

Contact Lucy Foley City of Darebin 8470-8522 Lucy.Foley@darebin.vic.gov.au and Jane Herring NCISS Co-ordinator 9489 4999 coord.nciss@optusnet.com.au

Our Homes Our Health

Strategic Planning 2007

Facilitation of a three strategic planning workshops in 2007 for the Our Homes Our Health project which brings together service providers and community development agencies working with older people living in public housing in City of Darebin

Contact Linda Parlane Jika Jika Neighbourhood House 9482 5100 greenerhouses@jikajika.org.au

North East Neighbourhood Houses Network

Strategic Planning 2007 - 2008

I have facilitated a number of planning workshops for the NENH network throughout 2007 and 2008 including overall strategic planning and other project planning including most recently for their Greener Houses project.

Contact Mary Robb NENH Network Co-ordinator 0419 873 415 nenhn@jikajika.org.au and Linda Parlane NENH Network Greener Houses Officer 9482 5100 greenerhouses@jikajika.org.au

Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Horn of Africa Mens Employment Project

Workshop Facilitation 2007

Facilitation of workshop bringing together service providers working on employment programs within the African community, planning how to make their services more effective and better integrated.

Contact Mary Parfray 9347 2739 maryp@cnlc.org.au

Vision 2020 Australia

The Vision Initiative project workshop facilitation 2008

This half day workshop brought together representatives of agencies working in eyecare in public housing and other low income housing settings to plan how to more effectively provide eyecare services to this sector of the community

SPAN Neighbourhood House

Strategic Planning 2004 and 2007

I planned and facilitated strategic planning workshops for SPAN in 2004, (working with Board, staff and regular volunteers) then was invited back to facilitate the development of their revised plan in 2007. They had found the plan developed in 2004 had been a succinct and 'real' plan which had very usefully guided the work of the organisation in the intervening three years.

Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House

Strategic Planning workshop 2007

This was a time constrained workshop with the Board and staff that managed to outline succinct, highly relevant and focused strategic directions for the organisation. Comments at the workshop included how much they had been able to achieve in a short time, and how much more relevant this strategic plan was compared to their last one.

City of Yarra Belonging in Australia Project

Planning workshop 2007

Facilitation of a one day workshop planning the Belonging In Australia project which brought together a range of agencies working with newly arrived communities in City of Yarra.

Australian Greens Victoria

Strategic Plan development and workshop facilitation 2002-03

I planned the strategic planning process for the development of the first strategic plan for the organisation and facilitated a series of highly participatory and collaborative workshops that engaged a wide range of Greens members as well as state council and executive members.

GREENS COUNCILLOR

Janet was elected as Councillor for Saltwater Ward, City of Maribyrnong in March 2003 and served as a Councillor until November 2008. She was elected as Mayor for a one year term in November 2005. Some of Janet's major achievements as a Councillor include:

- Vice President, Victorian Local Governance Association . Janet was elected to the VLGA Board in 2005 and to the Vice - President role in 2006. Janet was the senior VLGA Board member attending the VLGA's International Observer mission to Timor Leste for their Parliamentary election in 2007.
- Chair, Metropolitan Transport Forum 2004 -2008. The MTF brings together 19 municipalities and was a major influence on Victorian transport policy during this time. Under Janet's leadership the MTF embarked on a major public transport advocacy campaign (see www.pt4me2.org.au) late in 2007. Janet has been a regular media commentator on transport issues in Melbourne and has on-going relationships with key government and industry figures in the transport field.
- Awarded 2006 National Bicycling Achievement Award for contribution towards cycling by a politician
- Recipient of MAV - McArthur Fellowship 2005-06. This award is given to one Councillor each year for overseas travel to research a topic of significance to local government. Janet travelled across North America and Northern Europe researching sustainable transport and planning and the role of community in achieving this. She gave six major presentations about her trip on her return.
- Member of the Department of Transport's Transport Roundtable
- Leading City of Maribyrnong's commitment to being carbon neutral by 2015
- Initiated a requirement for green travel plans for major development proposals in City of Maribyrnong .
- Strong advocate for revitalisation of Footscray . Janet led the commitment by Council to allocate more resources to improving Footscray. Council's advocacy has resulted in the state government committing \$52 million in 2007 towards upgrading Footscray station
- On-going advocacy throughout 2006 to the Port of Melbourne regarding the impact of the Port and Port related freight traffic on Maribyrnong.
- Active campaigner on freight issues.
- Active involvement in measures to achieve more effective community involvement, and high quality community consultation practices across Council

AUSTRALIAN GREENS VICTORIA

- Councillor for Saltwater Ward, City of Maribyrnong 2003, re-elected 2005, elected Mayor 2005-06
- Candidate for Williamstown by-election September 2007, achieving a vote of 22%.
- Candidate for state seat of Footscray 2002, federal seat of Gellibrand 1996 and Maribyrnong Council 1997, 2000
- Co-Convenor, Australian Greens Victoria 2003-04, Greens Victoria Executive Member 1992- 2004
- Awarded Life Membership 2002
- Founding convenor of Inner West branch and Western Suburbs Region 1993 - 2000
- One of the founders of Australian Greens Victoria 1992

OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Advisory Board, Centre for Governance and Management of Urban Transport, University of Melbourne 2009- present
- Member, Western Community Action Network, 2009- present
- Member Climate Emergency Network, 2009- present
- Founding Member Maribyrnong Truck Action Group 2005 - present
- Founding Member Maribyrnong Bicycle Users Group 2005- present
- Member, School Council, Footscray City Primary School 1998-2004 (President 2002-03)
- Member, Management Committee, Angliss Children's Centre 1993- 96, (Chair 1994-95)
- Member of Multicultural Choir, Footscray Community Arts Centre, 1997 - 2004
- Key organiser of the campaign to Save Footscray Pool 1997 - 2005
- Member Environment Victoria, Friends of Maribyrnong Valley , Friends of Stony Creek
- Member of Bicycle Victoria
- Financial supporter of (inter alia) Oxfam, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, Brotherhood of St Lawrence, and Fred Hollows Foundation.

PERSONAL

- Janet lives in Footscray with her partner Penny and their two teenage sons.
- Janet stays sane with bike riding, yoga, gardening, playing the violin, barracking for the Western Bulldogs; and camping and bushwalking as often as can be managed!