

Victorian Local Governance Association Biography

Maree McPherson, Chief Executive Officer

Eight years in the Commonwealth's regional development delivery agency has afforded Maree McPherson a strong operational understanding of the Australian, Victorian and regional political and social contexts.

Maree's experience with local government over the past decade includes assisting councils apply for and manage Commonwealth regional development grants for a variety of projects. Maree worked alongside the Gippsland Local Government Network and the Gippsland Regional Managers' Forum in her previous role with the Gippsland Area Consultative Committee.

Maree is also a former delegate to the South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc. (SEATS); an organisation that provides coordinated and influential advocacy for the development of transport infrastructure in South East Australia, to support sustainable economic development. In this role, Maree worked closely with the twenty local government members of SEATS located in south eastern New South Wales, eastern Victoria, and the ACT.

Maree has more than twenty-five years experience in community development work, with several years in senior management roles, including four years as a Regional Manager with Anglicare Victoria. She has been a member of management and advisory committees for a range of national, state and local organisations, in the water, health and finance sectors, family violence / homelessness services, and the adult and community education and disability sectors.

Maree is a member of the Victorian Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board, and chairs the Advisory Committee for the Gippsland Community Leadership Program.

Maree has tertiary qualifications in Social Welfare and Business and is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is a member of Economic Development Australia and the Institute of Public Administration (Vic).