

Cr Heinz Kreutz works as a senior lecturer at Monash University's School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, and dedicates most of his spare time to his local community, especially the residents of Lynden Ward in the City of Boroondara, where he was first elected in 2002.

Heinz's interests cover a broad spectrum. He holds a PhD in Applied Linguistics and has a professional interest in languages, Linguistics and Translation Studies. His community engagement reflects his passion for and social justice, local government and the environment at the local community level. In addition to being a VLGA Board member, Heinz is chairman of the Melbourne Metropolitan Waste Management Board, and serves on the Melbourne Metropolitan Transport Forum, Victorian Litter Action Alliance and Environment Advisory Group of the Municipal Association of Victoria.

Heinz considers himself fortunate to be able combine his professional interests and expertise with some of the key principles and underlying philosophy of the VLGA. He is a member of the Centre for Civil Society and the State Government's Standing Committee for Cultural Diversity in Local Government. His work on cultural learning, neighbourhood cultural exchange, intergenerational education and positive ageing is complemented by a passion for good local government, community governance systems and adequate local support and service delivery to community groups.