



Qualifications

Bachelor of Planning (University of South Australia) - Honors

Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors (2024)

Certificate 4 Front Line Management

Impact Leadership Program (Proteus Education Centres)

Crime Prevention Through Urban Design Training – Bell Planning

Aboriginal Cultural Awareness training, Bookabee Australia

Affiliations

Presiding Member, State Commission Assessment Panel, June 2020 - ongoing

Technical Board Director – Common Equity Housing SA Ltd, 2024 – ongoing

Level 2 Accredited Professional PDI Act

Corporate Member of the Planning Institute of Australia

Former Board Member – Minister's Development Industry Advisory Committee Member 2017 – 2020

Former Property Council (SA) Planning Committee Member 2015 - 2020

Former Board Members – Development Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) 2015 – 2017

Former Member & Presiding Member, City of Marion, Development Assessment Panel 2008 – 2015

Former National and State Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Board Member

REBECCA THOMAS

DIRECTOR

BA URP (HONOURS)

GAICD

EXPERTISE

- Planning and Property Strategist
- Statutory and Policy Planning
- Crime Prevention Through Design
- Community Engagement
- Governance

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Rebecca is a highly-regarded and awarded Planning Consultant with over 25 years' experience in urban planning, strategy, property, stakeholder liaison and negotiation, policy development and implementation.

She is also skilled in planning for crime prevention, organizational governance and community engagement.

Having recently successfully completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course, she has sound knowledge of business governance, finance, legal and risk management protocol.

In 2022, Rebecca was awarded the inaugural Outstanding Woman in Planning Award from the Planning Institute of Australia (SA Branch)

Her initial career development within Local Government provided the opportunity to be involved in all facets of Council. Rebecca's previous role as a General Manager within the Local Government sector saw her as a member of Council's Senior Management Team reporting to the CEO and responsible for strategic planning. Council property projects, planning policy, development assessment and compliance, tourism, events, economic development, including libraries, youth and aged services.

Since 2011 Rebecca has worked in the private planning and property sector, initially with Connor Holmes (FYFE) and for the last 10 years, with Ekistics. Rebecca works on a diverse range of projects, including property due diligence, rezoning strategies and development projects such as CBD towers, mixed use residential/commercial developments, aged accommodation, waste facilities, renewable energy and infrastructure projects, retail/centres development, childcare and community related facilities, and tourism projects.

In addition to her role at Ekistics, Rebecca is the current Presiding Member of the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP).

In 2018 Rebecca was appointed by the Minister for Planning to the 'Development Industry Advisory Committee', a body established to assist in the current State-wide Planning Reforms. Previous to this, she was a member of the Minister's Development Planning and Advisory Committee (DPAC), who provided planning and policy legislative advice to the Minister. Rebecca was also Presiding Member of the Marion Development Assessment Panel for a number of years.

Rebecca has extensive experience in both governance and organisational operations of government, which has enabled her to develop sound judgement, confident decision-making ability, an adaptable approach and significant political nous. Coupled with these skills is her collaborative, analytical approach to working through issues and communicating solutions and options and the ability to work effectively with a range of people in diverse situations.