

PUBLIC LAND FOR URBAN PLANNERS



A One-day Professional Development Course

Many urban precincts include a large proportion of public land – roads, reserves and railway land – often under-utilised or poorly configured. This course aims to provide Strategic Planners and other Council Officers with a tool-kit for the rationalisation or adaptive re-use of these spaces.

Course Content:-

Urban Land Status and Control

- Land status – the various forms of freehold and Crown land found in urban areas
- Public land ownership, control, management and tenure
- Municipalities and their land-related powers

The Use and Development of Road Reserves

- Types of roads and lanes: Subdivisional, Government, Arterial...
- Ownership and control of roads and lanes
- How road reserves can be created, deviated, and discontinued
- How road reserves can be developed and put to commercial use – both at the surface and at other strata

The Use and Development of Railway Land

- Ownership and control of railway land
- How railway land can be used and developed at the surface and at other strata

The Use and Development of Public Spaces

- Ownership and control of Crown reserves, freehold reserves, creeks and foreshores
- How these spaces can be created, regulated, altered, used for commercial purposes, and disposed of
- Commercial use of reserves and public spaces
- Car parks – how they can be funded, acquired and controlled

Looking beyond the Planning and Environment Act...

- The *Land Act 1958* governs the creation and closure of Government Roads, and leases and licences of strata above and below them
- The *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* governs the use, management and tenure of many parks, gardens, recreation reserves and municipal facilities
- The *Local Government Act 1989* sets out councils' powers to acquire, exchange, sell and lease land; and to control public land through local laws
- The *Subdivision Act 1988* governs the creation of roads, reserves and other public spaces on freehold land
- The *Transport Act 1983* empowers VicTrack to sell or lease Railway land, at the surface and at strata
- The *Road Management Act 2004* is the latest in a series of Acts governing the creation, ownership, control, and disposal of land in roads and lanes
- Various Major Projects Acts – including Part 9A of the *Planning and Environment Act* and The *Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994*

Some public land innovations studied in this course

- ✓ *Whitten Oval, Footscray*
- ✓ *Melbourne Central (space above / below roads)*
- ✓ *Austin Park, Lara*
- ✓ *Footscray Station Precinct*
- ✓ *The St Kilda Triangle Site*
- ✓ *Martha Cove, Dromana (canal over road and foreshore)*

Inquiries

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Cost

\$495 per student

including GST, course-notes,
and working lunch

Discounts for host organisations

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One day duration
(9:00 am to 4:30 pm)

Maximum class size 10 persons

