



ROADS GOVERNANCE

A one-day Professional Development course

All Seasons Resort, McIvor Hwy

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Tuesday 4 August 2026, 9am-4pm

Course Contents

What is (and what's not) a Road

- Roads as road-users know them
- Roads as property lawyers know them
- 'Public Highways' and the common law
- Easements and common property roadways
- Physical roads on land other than road reserves
- Road reserves with no physical road on them

How Roads are Owned and Managed

- Disaggregating ownership, control, management
- How roads are created and discontinued
- Closed roads, discontinued roads, unused roads
- How they may be used for non-road purposes
- The roles of councils, DTP (VicRoads) and utilities
- Ownership of unused roads in old subdivisions

Dealings with Roads

- Road Registers and Road Management Plans
- A road authority's duty of care and risk exposure
- Unused rural roads held under grazing licences
- Controls over vegetation, heritage, aboriginal sites
- Abutments, Encroachments and 'adverse possession'

Including ...

Acts of Parliament governing Roads

- The *Road Safety Act 1986* and the Road Rules
- The *Land Act 1958* and other Crown land acts
- The *Local Government Acts 1989 and 2020*
- The *Subdivision Act 1988* and its predecessors
- The *Road Management Act 2004* and Codes

Court Judgements relating to Roads

- The *Brodie* case in the High Court
- *Fenelon v Dove* – Vic Supreme Court of Appeal
- *Calabro v Bayside Council* – Vic Supreme Court
- *DPP v VicRoads and Downer* – County Court

Roads, Streets and Lanes

... are high on the agenda of every municipality and public land manager.

This course is essential learning for engineers, surveyors, planners, property officers, and land managers

Presenter –

David Gabriel-Jones

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"This training should be compulsory for all VicRoads technical staff"

Senior VicRoads Engineer

Enquiries and Registrations

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Cost: \$550 per student

including GST, working lunch, course notes, and certificate of attendance

Surveyors

This *face-to-face* course earns
4.5 Cadastral points and
1.5 Development Planning points