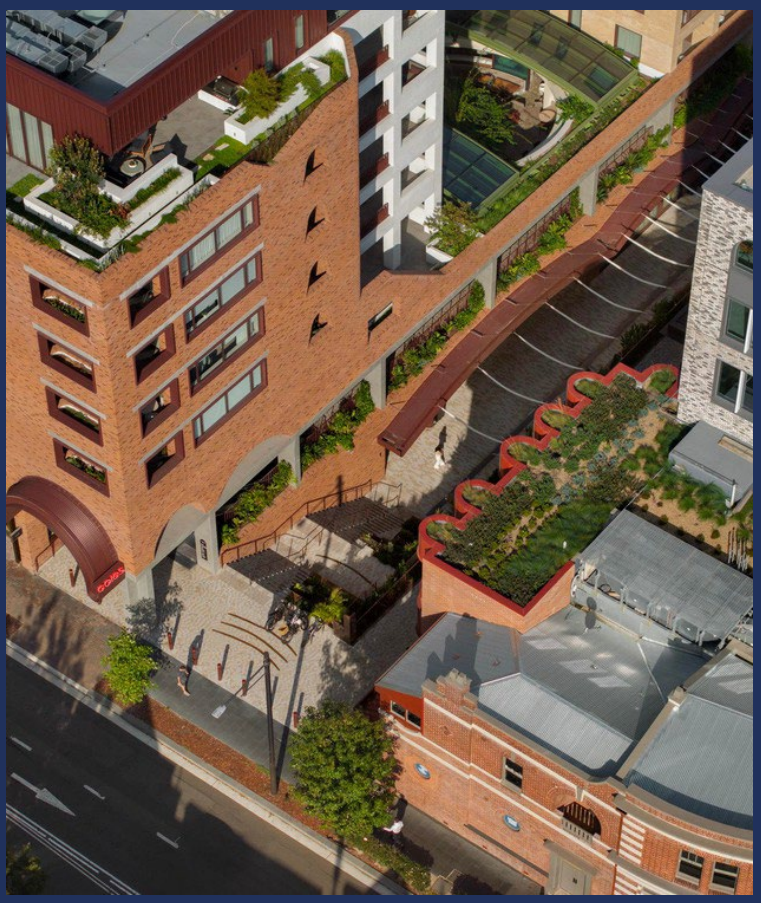




ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS







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ABOUT US

Urban Taskforce Australia was established in 1999 as a not-for-profit organisation representing Australia's most prominent property developers and equity financiers. We provide a forum for people involved in the development and planning of the urban environment to engage in constructive dialogue with both government and the community.

Urban Taskforce Australia champions the financial risk takers in the development marketplace.

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE:

- Efficient planningand environment laws
- Quality urban design
- Increased economic activity
- Improved quality of life in urban communities



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OUR ACTIVITIES

Urban Taskforce provides a forum for the views and ideas of our members. It provides a vehicle through which the membership can respond to policy initiatives and debates on issues related to the urban environment.

THE URBAN TASKFORCE ENGAGES PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE EXPERT OPINIONS, ADVICE AND DISCUSSION DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- monitoring and reporting on planning developments;
- researching and gathering information on relevant government policy;
- analysing and responding to legislative and regulatory proposals;
- assessment of progress and outcomes of parliamentary committee hearings;
- developing papers and materials relevant to the effective passage of legislation;
- communicating with the wider community through the media; and
- standing up for the industry when it is under attack.

Urban Taskforce holds a number of functions, such as seminars, lunches and dinners throughout the year. The Taskforce invites Ministers, MPs, government officials and industry leaders to participate in these functions with Taskforce members.

THE URBAN TASKFORCE IS NOT POLITICAL. THIS MEANS:

- we do not promote or oppose a party or the election of a candidate or candidates;
- we do not seek to influence voting in an election

Of course, this does not prevent us from carrying out a non-partisan evaluation of any current, historical or proposed public policies or commenting on such policies.

Urban Taskforce requires its employees, officers and executive committee members to adhere to our standards of conduct.

THESE STANDARDS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- promoting women and diversity in our sector;
- building trust;
- respect;
- uncompromising integrity;
- serving our members; and
- responsible citizenship

URBAN TASKFORCE KEY EVENTS

DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Urban Taskforce Australia organises Development Excellence Awards to acknowledge and award property developers for projects that achieve outstanding results. The awards are assessed against outcomes in the areas of client requirements, environment, business and community considerations as well as time, cost and quality. While teams of people are responsible for achieving quality results it is the developer, the ultimate risk taker that receives the award. As well as awarding winners in categories like industrial development, commercial development and residential development, one project is selected as the "Development of the Year".



A collection of images of the winners of the Development Excellence Awards 2026



A collection of images from the Development Excellence Awards 2026

PROPERTY PERSON OF THE YEAR

This is a very popular event where the property and development industry celebrate the achievements of the latest winner. Recent Property Persons of the Year include John Kinsella AM, Fouad Deiri OAM, Lang Walker AO, Darren Steinberg, Justin Hemmes, Sarkis Nassif, Joe Khattar AM, Iwan Sunito, Tony Perich AM, Steve McCann, Ross McDiven, Gary Rothwell, Harry Triguboff AO, Bob Rose AM, Wal King, Greg Goodman, Bill Moss and Liam Forde. The award event is an occasion to celebrate success, hear about the winner's career, to network with colleagues and importantly to raise funds for two charities under the Urban Taskforce Foundation Ltd including Warrah Society Specialist School & St Vincents Prostate Cancer Research Centre.



A collection of images from Property Person of the Year 2024

URBAN TASKFORCE POLICY CONFERENCE

The annual Urban Taskforce Policy Conference is a half day with key stakeholders from Government and the industry discussing issues that impact the property development industry as a whole.

The 2026 Conference is focusing on the feasibility of the sector.



A collection of images from The Urban Taskforce Annual Policy conference 2025

EXCLUSIVE TO MEMBERS

MORNING TEA SEMINARS

Urban Taskforce Morning Teas are regular educational mini seminars held in conjunction with core member law firm Allens.
These cover key industry topics and are designed to keep members informed and aware of changes in regulation, advances in technology and up-to-date urban issues.

TWILIGHT TOURS

Urban Taskforce Australia conducts a series of evening events, touring interesting and recently completed projects by our members. Member only event.

YOUNG DEVELOPER EVENINGS

Young Developer evening forums feature new innovation and ideas that will impact the future of the industry for the new leaders of the future, including the much-loved Great Debate – held in the latter half of each year.

URBAN VISIONS

Urban Visions are evening events featuring a Core member Developer and an Architect discussing their collaboration on a recent property development project. Core member Multiplex hosts these sessions in their King Street office.



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RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS & SUBMISSIONS

On behalf of our members, Urban Taskforce produces detailed research reports on key issues related to the industry. Research has recently been undertaken into confronting climate change, immigration, tax and development, the reform of Local Government, the deficit of jobs in Western Sydney and planning reform.

We make many submissions to new policies that are exhibited particularly related to planning, levies and infrastructure. Urban Taskforce Australia has a strong reputation for advocating on behalf of the property development industry with government.

MEDIA EXPOSURE & OPINION PIECES

Urban Taskforce Australia attracts extensive exposure in mainstream media, including coverage in radio, television, print, electronic and social media. With an extensive following on LinkedIn and other social media platforms, we are often contacted for comments on key issues affecting property development.

The CEO writes a number of opinion pieces which have been printed in the Sydney Morning Herald, Telegraph, Financial Review and Government News.

Urban Taskforce Australia has developed a reputation in the media of giving strong opinions on behalf of the development industry.

MEMBERS ALERT

Urban Taskforce Australia provides members with a regular e-newsletter featuring industry news and updates.
It includes updates on changes to government policy, information on new planning instruments on exhibition, trend data on industry directions and summaries of our submissions to government.

URBAN LIVING NETWORK

This is a more general e-newsletter that raises key issues in the property industry and presents summaries of key media coverage of property related issues.

The ULN is an important communication to all those involved in the trend towards cosmopolitan living with increased densities.

Members are provided the opportunity to give updates to the Urban Living Network, such as coverage of their key development projects.

GENERAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Members are able to contact the staff or other members to get advice on projects, planning approval processes or broader issues. It is often through these discussions that the Urban Taskforce develops a campaign to change government policy. Members are also invited to contact the Taskforce on general issues to do with planning, property development or other issues – with our extensive network and knowledge of both government and private industry we are certain to provide useful contacts and information.

URBAN TASKFORCE SUBMISSIONS

The Urban Taskforce responds to national, state and local government exhibitions of new policies, local environmental plans and modifications to planning instruments. While most of our submissions are related to planning issues, the Urban Taskforce also comments on transport master plans, home warranty issues, reviews of the Strata Act, Land Tax issues and other related areas. Submissions are prepared by Paul Waterhouse, Planning, Research and Policy Analyst.
We invite our members to contact us to provide opinions and advice on projects, policies and programs which the Urban Taskforce may use in their submission.

PREFERRED SUPPLIERS

Associate Members who are often architects, planners, service organisations, quantity surveyors and suppliers to the development industry are listed on the Urban Taskforce website as preferred suppliers.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Urban Taskforce Australia's Executive Committee is elected by its members and oversees corporate policy, governance and financial management. It includes some of Australia's leading property developers.



David Ghannoum
(Chair)
Regional
Managing Director
Multiplex



David Tanevski
(Founding Director
and Hon.
Secretary/Treasuer
Managing Director
KWC Capital
Partners



Richard
Scheinberg AM
(Deputy Chair)
Director McDonald
Industries



Allen Linz
(Deputy Chair)
Managing Director
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David Gallant
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Manager
Stockland



Albert Chan
General Manager
Meriton



Kevin Nassif
CEO
Holdmark



Christina Renner
Legal Counsel
Winten Property
Group



John Carfi
CEO
Ingenia
Communities

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The annual membership fee for Associate Membership is $1,900 + GST.

MORE INFORMATION
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete and email form to nicola@urbantaskforce.com.au
The Annual Fee for Core Membership Is **$1,900**+ GST.

Company Name

ACN NO (If Company)

Postal Address

Street Address

Telephone | Fax

No of Employees

Nature of Business

Website

NOMINATED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE'S DETAILS

Name

Position

Telephone (Direct) | Fax

Mobile

Email

PERSONAL ASSISTANT'S DETAILS

Full Name

Telephone (Direct) Fax

Mobile

Email

REFERRED BY (EXISTING MEMBER, IF APPLICABLE)

Name

Company Name