

# Community Liaison Group

## Independent Chair - Elaine Carbines



Elaine Carbines is a long time resident of the Geelong region and former CEO of G21 – The Geelong Region Alliance, a position Elaine held for ten years. G21 is the Regional Strategic Planning Committee covering the municipalities of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Colac Otway, Golden Plains and Queenscliffe in Victoria, Australia.

Elaine's career has been diverse, having worked as a humanities teacher in Victorian State Schools during the 80s and 90s (including at the former Corio Community College, now Northern Bay) before entering State Parliament. From 1999 - 2006 Elaine was elected as the Member for the Geelong Province. During this time Elaine held the positions of Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Environment.

Following her parliamentary career, Elaine worked as the Manager of Strategic Relations at Parks Victoria from 2007-2010. During this time Elaine led many community engagement projects for Parks Victoria including the redevelopment of Portarlington and Queenscliff harbours, the Great Otway National Park masterplan and the Twelve Apostles visitor centre.

Elaine has been recognised for her many achievements including being awarded by the Victorian Coastal Council for her significant contribution to the development of Victoria's system of marine national parks and sanctuaries (2014), being inducted as a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration for her contribution to the public sector in Victoria (2018) and being awarded as a Member of the Order of Australia for her significant contribution to the environment and conservation (2020).

It is wonderful to have Elaine on board as our Independent Chair.