








Former Members of the Committee 2019





There are twelve alumni of the External Advisory Committee, nine men and three women. During their service they brought to the table years of experiences in the private sector, public service (five), non-profit (two). Their professions include journalist, barrister, managing director, policy advisor, public relations consultant, treasury official, higher education recruitment, parliamentary education officer, and international lobbyists. Six have degrees from the University of Sydney and six do not.

The photographs and biographical sketches below date from the period of their respective services.

<p>Colin Chapman</p> 	<p>Colin is a writer, broadcaster, and manager. He was an editor at The Financial Times (London) and director of television. He had been economics correspondent of BBC TV News and a presenter of BBC TV's The Money Programme, and BBC Radio's Financial World Tonight. Colin was foreign news editor of the London <u>Sunday Times</u>. He was deputy business editor of The <u>Observer</u>, deputy editor of <u>The Australian</u>, and executive producer of the ABC's PM. His publications include <u>August 21: The Rape of Czechoslovakia</u>, <u>How the Stock Markets Work</u> (9th ed.), <u>Selling the Family Silver: The story of Privatisation</u>, and <u>The Intelligence Edge</u> (with G. and M. Friedman). He is an alumnus of the London Business School.</p>
<p>Trevor Cook</p> 	<p>He was awarded his doctorate in 2012, with a thesis exploring the contemporary relationship between the ALP and the unions. Thirty years earlier he was awarded an economics degree with honours in Government in 1981. He has worked as a public relations consultant since 1996 undertaking projects for hundreds of companies, NGOs, industry associations and government bodies. Between 1987 and 1996, Trevor spent a decade in Canberra as a political adviser during the Hawke Government and as a senior executive in the public service. Trevor has a strong interest in social media and was an early participant who started blogging in 2003 (http://trevorcook.typepad.com).</p>

<p>Michael DiFrancesco</p> 	<p>Principal Adviser in Financial Management Policy at NSW Treasury. His current responsibilities include implementation of budget and performance management policy reform in the General Government sector. He has a Bachelor of Economics with first class honours in Government from the University of Sydney, and a PhD in Public Policy from the Australian National University. He lectured in Government at the University of Sydney. He has published and presented widely on performance evaluation and budgeting in the public sector. In 2001 he shared the Institute of Public Administration Australia's Richardson Prize for the most important article published in the Australian Journal of Public Administration. Michael is currently a Councillor with the NSW division of Institute of Public Administration, Australia.</p>
<p>Daniela Giorgi</p> 	<p>She is the Curriculum Adviser, Civics and Citizenship for the NSW Department of Education and Training on secondment to the Education Section of the NSW Parliament. She is responsible for providing programs, resources and professional development to support the teaching of civics and citizenship in primary and secondary schools. She also creates and delivers the Parliament's public programs, seminars for tertiary politics and policy students and inductions for Government Departments as well as assisting with the coordination of student internships at the Parliament. Daniela has been a History Head Teacher and classroom teacher in the public school system in NSW. She was one of the writers of the National Consistency in Curriculum Outcomes Statements of Learning which describe essential skills, knowledge of civics. She has two degrees from the University of Sydney and is enrolled in a third.</p>
<p>Antony Green</p> 	<p>He completed a Bachelor of Science (1980) a Bachelor of Economics (1988) with honours in the Department of Government at the University of Sydney. Since 1989, Antony has been employed by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation as the face of ABC elections, covering around 60 elections on camera for the ABC. In more recent years he has also developed the ABC's internet election site into the pre-eminent source of information on elections. He also produces regular publications on electoral matters for the New South Wales and Parliamentary Library, and he also contributes regularly to parliamentary reviews of electoral laws. As part of the 150th anniversary of self-government in NSW, Antony co-edited <u>The Electoral Atlas of New South Wales</u>, a book that maps the history of the state's politics.</p>

<p>Alister Henskens</p> 	<p>He graduated from the University of Sydney: B.Ec. LL.B. and is a barrister, becoming a senior counsel or silk in 2011. He completed honours preparation in Government. A Rotary Foundation Scholarship supported his work for an LL.M at the University of Toronto in 1988. He has practiced law since completion of his LL.M, including appearing as counsel assisting in the Equine Influenza Inquiry which focused on the public service's role in administering the Quarantine Act. Alister has appeared for and against public authorities in many cases which illustrate the way that government works both in the activities the subject of the litigation as well as the way that government conducts litigation. He participates in local community activities, particularly in sports. He is a founding member of the Committee.</p>
<p>Michael Lambert</p> 	<p>Mr. Lambert is Chair of the Committee. He graduated from the University of Sydney with a B. Ec. Honours in Economics with a major in Government and also has a Master of Economics, MA (Phil), and is a Graduate Associate of the Institute of Company Directors. He worked in the New South Wales Treasury for 17 years, finishing as Secretary of Treasury, followed by 18 years in investment banking with BZW, Barclays, ABN AMRO, Royal bank of Scotland and CIMB . He was Acting Secretary of Treasury in 2011 and did a Financial Audit of the State. He has being a non-executive director on numerous boards, including Northern Suburbs Area Health Board, Energy Australia, State Super, State Plus, Queensland Racing, the Asylum Seekers Centre, the Cancer Council and was chair of the Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Reform Project. He is presently on the board of the Sax Institute, a health research and health policy body as well a pro bono senior advisor in health economics.</p>
<p>Mark McDonnell</p> 	<p>A graduate of the University of Sydney, with B.A. (with Double Honours) in Government and Public Administration (1977) and in Philosophy (1978), his father John was also a Sydney graduate (1949) and his son (Thomas) will graduate in 2008. His career encompasses roles as a government policy adviser, management consultant, industry lobbyist, investment banker and equity market analyst. He has a Master's degree in Applied Finance and Investment, is a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Member of the Economic Society of Australia.</p>

<p>Debra O'Neill</p> 	<p>She is the Deputy Director of Australia for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, where she has worked since 2002. Australia for UNHCR's role is to encourage greater awareness about the situation of refugees worldwide and support for humanitarian work. Her work has taken her to places like Ethiopia, Kenya, Myanmar, Sudan, Timor Leste, and Uganda. Previously she worked for UNICEF Australia and Médecins sans Frontiers as well as in a senior marketing role with global hotel group Accor Asia Pacific and ASX-listed Infochoice. She has a Bachelor of Business (Marketing/Advertising) at the University of Technology, Sydney and is currently studying for BA in Humanities (French) at Macquarie University.</p>
<p>Margaret Pollard</p> 	<p>She is a Senior Policy and Planning Officer with the Office of Protocol and Special Events in the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet. She has worked with student interns from the University of Sydney. Her role focuses on event-related policy, government coordination and providing resources to help organisers to stage safe and successful events. She has assisted with the Department of Government and International Relations intern programme and is a graduate of the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Public Policy.</p>
<p>Jim Sait</p> 	<p>BA (Hons), MA, UBC; PhD UCL; DipEd (UNE). While a post doctoral Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, Jim began his first business venture, The Georgian Concert Society. In Australia since 1978, he taught at the University of New England before moving into administrative roles at the University of Sydney and the Council of Adult Education (Melbourne). He worked in Continuing Education, the Sydney Summer School, External Relations and Internationalisation. In 2005 he entered the corporate sector as a Consultant with BSP Executive Search. A consistent motif in his career has been the desire to provide better opportunities for students to achieve their best.</p>
<p>Graham Spindler</p> 	<p>BA Dip Ed (UNSW), MA (Macquarie), GDTL (UTS). Graham was a secondary English and History teacher and then for many years held professional and resource development roles in the NSW Department of Education and Training. Since 2000 he has been Manager, NSW Parliamentary Education Section - extensively involved in civics and citizenship school and community education. He retires from this latter post in 2011. For six year he served as Chair of the Historic Houses Trust Members, 2004.</p>

