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Chris De Silva is highly respected in the planning industry for his ability to conceptualise the strategic merits of any given project.

Chris has over 30 years experience as a planner, primarily in the specialized field of growth area planning.

Spending 18 years at the City of Whittlesea, occupying the positions of Manager Strategic Planning and Director Planning and Development Chris was broadly responsible for conceptualising and implementing the Whittlesea Growth Areas framework. This process involved in-house preparation of Precinct Structure Plans for each of the growth areas and formulation of integrated transport plans and development contributions plans for the City.

The approach adopted by the City under Chris's guidance culminated in a total of 11 State awards from the Planning Institute of Australia for Planning Excellence and visits from all other growth areas.

education.

+ Bachelor of Applied Science (Planning) RMIT University

employment.

+ 2009 – Mesh, Director

+ 2008 – Villawood Properties, Strategic Development Director

+ 1991 – City of Whittlesea, Director of Planning and Development (and formerly Manager Strategic Planning)

+ 1990 – Wilson Sayer Core, Town Planner

key projects.

Chris has been the mastermind behind the following key projects:

+ Armstrong Creek West Precinct Structure Plan and Development Contributions Plan, Geelong

+ Wollert Precinct Structure Plan, Whittlesea

+ Davies Hill, Woodend

+ Strathfieldsaye East Development plan, Bendigo

+ Schofields Indicative Layout Plan Urban Design Review, New South Wales

+ Trillium Estate Masterplan, Hume

+ Redstone Hill Masterplan and Town Centre, Sunbury

+ Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan and Masterplan, Hume

+ North of the Merri Local Structure Plan, Development Contributions Plan and Development Plan, Warrnambool

+ Crinigans Road Development Plan, Morwell

+ Cross' Road Development Plan, Traralgon

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