

# JEFF ROBINSON

A driving force for sustainability of the built environment and the planet, widely recognised and appreciated as a leading light in the industry.





Williamson Community Leadership Program (WCLP) 2005 Cohort

Jeff made huge personal and professional contributions to the environmental sustainability sector, before his untimely death in April 2024. In memory of this great person, Jeff's family, the WCLP '05 year group, and a group of Jeff's friends and colleagues have come together to establish an ongoing Jeff Robinson Memorial Fund for Sustainability Leadership. Scholarships from the Fund will support upcoming and inspiring leaders in the field of sustainability in the built environment, and the environment more broadly, to access Leadership Victoria (LV) programs.

Jeff Robinson was a Fellow of LV's flagship Williamson Community Leadership Program, and stood out immediately amongst his 2005 cohort for his enquiring mind and penchant for asking questions (and was usually the first to ask). He was also well known for loving a joke and being immensely positive. He never missed a WCLP session, and was always present at the "extra" tours, visits and events, excited to learn about every new topic affecting our society. He engaged with everyone in the cohort, genuinely caring about them and all the various activities they undertook.

Jeff had an enormous thirst for knowledge, and loved interacting with people. He was renowned for attending as many events as possible, often several in one evening. This meant he had a huge network, within his sector and across a variety of other interests.

***"I can't think of a green building movement without Jeff. He has always been there - leading from the front, carrying our whole industry with professionalism, passion and purpose, coupled with the jeffisms - the first question, the best question, underpinned with humility, generosity and humour."***

**ALICIA MAYNARD**

Managing Director & Chief Executive, Walking Green



**“A legend and tireless champion for the role of design in shaping sustainable futures.”**

**Skye Haldane (WCLP '18)**

Principal Strategic Design, City of Melbourne

Jeff was passionate about music and attending festivals and concerts. He also loved history and was part of the preservation of many significant sites through his work with The Heritage Trust.

Mostly though, Jeff was passionate about the planet and the sustainability of the built environment. He could discuss these topics passionately for hours, and played a significant role in changing the standards we build to today, and building the sector, including mentoring many up and coming experts and leaders.

Jeff was not a “look at me” leader. He was a true alchemist, bringing the right diversity of people together in the right environments to achieve his desired outcomes, which always had an altruistic focus on the good of others or our survival on the planet. He was a genuine leader and person of real influence with his own quiet, affable approach.

Jeff was a gentleman in every way, and his leadership and friendship will be sorely missed by many.



**“Everything he did in his professional life was geared towards ensuring we [collectively stepped up on the climate crisis]. The deep engagement with industry groups, the mentoring, the tough questions, and the generous praise when he saw someone making a difference.”**

**LUKE MENZEL**

CEO, Energy Efficiency Council



**“Jeff taught many of us how to be effective professionals while also being deeply caring, intelligent and curious. I've never known such a supportive, energetic and positive person, who really held a room, a conference and possibly an entire industry together.”**

**TIM O'LOAN**

Principal, Precincts - Australia & New Zealand, Aurecon

# THE JEFF ROBINSON MEMORIAL FUND FOR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP WILL COMMEMORATE JEFF'S WORK AND THE AMAZING PERSON HE WAS.

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Scholarship recipients will not only have the Leadership Victoria experience that meant so much to Jeff, but will also bring an environmental lens to the programs and people involved, as Jeff did for his own WCLP '05 cohort. The scholarships will become a part of Jeff's legacy by continuing to develop sustainability leaders, and to permeate continued consideration of the impacts of climate change on the built environment.

We aim to offer two scholarships annually – one for the **Williamson Community Leadership Program** (LV's flagship 10-month program for mid-senior leaders) and one for the **Igniting Leadership Program** (5-day program for emerging leaders).

Tax deductible donations can be made via the LV Foundation on the below link or QR code.

Please help us ensure that Jeff's memory lives on in this very practical way.

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## ABOUT THE WILLIAMSON COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Williamson Community Leadership Program is a unique, immersive, 10-month long program for experienced leaders. For 35 years, the program has brought together a diverse group of leaders from business, government, not-for-profit, academia and philanthropy.

Often described as life-changing, the Williamson Community Leadership Program expands the way leaders see the world and transforms the way they exercise leadership. It pushes them to experiment – continually challenging how and why they lead – while building a trusted, life-long network. Program graduates, or Williamson Fellows, join our Alumni community of almost 7,000 leaders from across sectors, industries, backgrounds, identities and life experiences.

## ABOUT THE IGNITING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Igniting Leadership is a 5-day program for emerging leaders, and more established leaders who are new to formal leadership development. Over five days, the program builds capabilities and explores participants' strengths and values as a leader, establishing a solid foundation for their leadership journey.