

Taxi Industry Reference Group Members at 13 January 2006

Clive Abbott

Clive has been a taxi driver in Hobart for six years. He has operated a leased plate for five years with Taxi Combined and Personal Taxis. He has been a member of Taxis Tasmania for two years and was formerly an executive member of that organisation.

Guy Anderson

Guy is a bailee driver of wheelchair accessible taxis with City Cabs in Hobart. Prior to entering the taxi industry, Guy worked for Incat Australia. He is also a professional writer.

Roger Burdon

Roger purchased his first taxi plate in 1985, and in 2005 he launched Yellow Cabs in Tasmania. He currently operates a fleet of taxis in Hobart with approximately 100 drivers. He was a board member of the Taxi Industry Association of Tasmania (TIAT) in 1999 and a board member of City Cabs from 1999 to 2004. Roger is an approved taximeter sealer, camera agent and installer and runs a mechanical workshop/inspection station.

Steve Cheetham

Steve has been an accredited operator of both standard and wheelchair accessible taxis in the Hobart area for the past 2 ½ years. He runs a fleet of 30 standard taxis and until recently two wheelchair taxis. He also runs a fully equipped workshop with three qualified mechanics, who maintain the fleet as well as other Hobart taxis. Steve is an accredited taxi cameras installer and downloader, an accredited taximeter sealer and he regularly fits out new taxis. Prior to entering the taxi industry in Hobart, Steve ran a successful IT consulting company in Launceston and on the mainland.

Jim Deane

Jim runs the George Town Taxi Service. He has been in the taxi industry since 1978. He currently owns five licences in George Town and two in Launceston, where he is affiliated with Taxi Combined. He is a member of the Tasmanian Taxi Association and was previously on the board of TIAT. Jim was also a member of the Taxi Industry Advisory Board.

Denis Elmer

Denis is an owner-operator of four taxis in Launceston and owns two licences. He has been involved in the taxi industry for over 12 years as an owner-driver and is also involved in taxi maintenance. He was on the board of TIAT for about three years and is a member of Taxi Combined in Launceston. Denis is representing the Tasmanian Taxi Association's northern and north-western membership.

Graeme Fish

Graeme is an owner-driver who has been involved in the taxi industry for 11 years. He is the responsible operator of one taxi in Hobart. Graeme was a member of the steering committee which established Taxis Tasmania in 2002-2003 and wrote the Constitution for that organisation. He has been the Treasurer of Taxis Tasmania since June 2003. Graeme has experience in representation within the taxi industry, having previously been a member of Taxi Combined's owner-driver committee for over two years. In this role he presented issues and recommendations to the TCS Board on behalf of the owner-drivers.

Toby Green

Toby moved to Tasmania in 1991 from Sydney where he owned three taxi licences. He has operated licences in Tasmania and now owns a number of licences which are currently leased out. Toby was a director of TIAT and was its president from 1996 to 2004. He was also a director of the Australian Taxi Industry Association. In 1999 he became Chair of Taxi Combined (Hobart).

He participated in the 1999 review of the Taxi Industry Act and was a member both of the Taxi Industry Advisory Board (TIAB) and the Taxi Advisory Group (TAG).

Eddie Ng

Eddie operated and drove taxis in Melbourne as an undergraduate and later as a school teacher for six years. He moved to Hobart in 1975 and bought his first taxi plate in the 1980s. He now manages 28 plates.

Robert Postma

Robert has been involved in the taxi industry for three years and currently owns and operates six taxi licences, including four wheelchair accessible taxis, in Hobart. Prior to entering the taxi industry, Robert was in the furniture industry for 25 years, where his roles included management and accounting. Robert is currently a Director of City Cabs in Hobart and is involved in introducing that company's new taxi dispatch system.

Shane Stuart

Shane is an owner-driver with Taxi Combined in Launceston. He has almost 20 years experience in the industry. Since 1986 he has been a driver, fleet manager, mechanic and part time base operator. He is currently also an authorised meter sealer, camera installer and downloader. Shane has been a Director of TCS Launceston since 2003 and treasurer since 2004. He is representing the Tasmanian Taxi Association's Launceston membership.