

Dr Wendy Sarkissian FPIA

Wendy Sarkissian was born in Canada and emigrated to Australia in 1968.

She is a planner who specializes in social planning. This means helping her clients and local communities find ways to work together so that everyone can have their needs met and her clients can get information and agreements that will progress their projects.

She prays that community engagement could be interesting and fun – not always painful and argumentative.

Wendy is author of eight books on community engagement and sustainability and one on housing design. She has two books in the works. One is a novel about a developer in Vancouver who owns a piece of flood-prone coastal land.

She is a Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia.

Originally educated in Arts and education, she holds a doctorate in environmental ethics from Murdoch University and a Masters of Town Planning from Adelaide University.

An enthusiastic owner-builder, Wendy lives with her husband in an eco-village in Nimbin where the neighbours are always fighting with each other about planning matters.