



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

August Newsletter 2022

In the spirit of reconciliation, The Australian Local Government Women's Association Victorian Branch acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We acknowledge and respects their unique ability to care for Country, and their deep spiritual connection to it. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.



We thought it might be an excellent opportunity to send a message from the Vice Presidents.

It has been a busy few months, firstly with the very successful ALGWA Victoria Annual Conference in Shepparton. Following this inspiring event, many of us then attended the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) annual conference in Canberra. Our ALGWA National breakfast was well-attended, and the information booth saw many Councillors and CEO/Officers dropping in for a chat, information, and connecting. It was very exciting to see so much interest.

This month we will be returning to our online forums and hope you can join us with Cr Anne-Marie Cade, who has kindly agreed to share her knowledge and skills and lead some discussions on conflict resolution.

Our next conference, May 2023 is a joint event for ALGWA Vic and ALGWA National and will be hosted by Mornington Shire Council next year in Cape Schanck. Our committee has already had our first meeting sharing lots of ideas. Thank you to those who took the time to provide us with your feedback about our recent conference, as this is valuable input for next year's event.

We know many are experiencing pressures at work with increasing numbers of people absent with illness or challenges with staff numbers and recruitment. Balancing personal work, Council work, families, and friends can be challenging in times like this. Sometimes we need to realise we can't be everywhere and do everything. If you feel that you would like to chat about anything, we want to remind you that the members of ALGWA Vic committee are always happy to be contacted. You can find our details on our website.

Best wishes. Stay safe.

Cr Janet Pearce
ALGWA Vic Rural Vice President
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Deputy Mayor Cr Denise Massoud
ALGWA Vic Metro Vice President
Whitehorse City Council

August Online forum Thursday 18 August @ 7pm Navigating difficult conversations and managing conflict

ALGWA Vic presents a free event to help our members learn how to manage difficult conversations and manage conflict.

Navigating relationships in a political setting can be challenging, so it is important to learn these skills! This session will cover the steps on how to navigate difficult conversations more skillfully, including how to prepare for the conversation, gather information around the other person's perspective, build rapport, and understand destructive communication patterns.

Attendees will leave with an understanding of the skills necessary to manage difficult conversations.

Register for Free Here

Meet our presenter: Cr Anne-Marie Cade



Cr Anne-Marie Cade is the founder and CEO of Be Happier Together. She is a Lawyer, Nationally Accredited Mediator, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Conflict Resolution Specialist, Communication Specialist, Parenting Coordinator, Speaker, Trainer, and Lecturer in law.

She is also a Neuro Linguistic Programming Practitioner approved by the American Board of Neuro Linguistic Programming, has training in Transformative Relationship Mediation, Conflict Resolution, Brain-Based Conversation Skills™ and Brain-Based Coaching™ from the Neuroleadership Institute, Conflict Dynamics Profiling™, training in Applied Neuroscience and Brain Health and is also a Mental Health First Aider.

She was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2020 to conduct research internationally in Parenting Coordination and Conflict resolution. She has won many industry awards and has been recognised as an Innovator at the Lexis Nexis Legal Innovation awards, recognised as a Thought Leader at the Women in Law awards, and a Wellness Advocate for her innovative approach to dispute resolution. In 2017 she was also a finalist for the Women in Law Excellence Award. Anne-Marie is a sought-after media commentator and has been featured in The Age, The Herald Sun, The Sunday Telegraph, Body & Soul, ABC Radio, and Vice media.

She is also a Councillor with the City of Glen Eira in Victoria and an Adjunct Lecturer with the College of Law.



Host the 2024 ALGWA Vic Rural State Conference - EOIs close in September!

With the 2022 ALGWA Vic State Conference hosted by Greater Shepparton behind us, we are now seeking Expressions of Interest from rural councils that would like to host the 2024 ALGWA Vic State Conference.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your region to some of Victoria's most influential and powerful women, while also networking and building relationships with like-minded individuals.

The ALGWA Vic State Conference is a two-day event that includes a variety of keynote presentations, discussions, and social events.

We've already locked in 2023's conference, where Mornington Peninsula Shire Council will not only host the [2023 ALGWA Vic State Conference](#) but also the ALGWA National Conference! Now, we're excited to open up EOIs for rural councils looking to host the 2024 conference. That way, there'll be plenty of time to prepare and take the ALGWA Vic 2024 State Conference to the next level.

If you would like to put your council forward as a potential host for the 2024 ALGWA Vic State Conference, please download the attached Expression of Interest brochure and form:

2024 EOI Brochure (PDF)

2024 EOI Form (DOCX)

We look forward to receiving your Expressions of Interest!

Key EOI dates:

- Monday, 6 June 2022
Conference Expressions of Interest submissions opened.
- Friday, 30 September 2022
Conference Expressions of Interest submissions close.
- Thursday, 6 October 2022
The winning council will be contacted by ALGWA Vic and notified of their success.
- Wednesday, 19 October 2022
The winning council will be announced at the ALGWA Vic Annual Bursary Award Judges meeting. A representative from the council will make a presentation on the night.

2022 ALGWA Vic Bursary Award nominations are now closed.

The ALGWA Vic Annual Bursary Award nominations have closed and the judges will be reviewing all applications throughout August.

Key 2022 Bursary Award dates:

- Monday, 6 June 2022
Bursary Award nominations opened.
- Friday, 29 July 2022
Bursary Award nominations closed at 11:59pm AEST

Upcoming:

- Wednesday, 3 August 2022
Nominees will receive acknowledgement of their submission by today.
- Thursday, 4 August 2022
Bursary Award judges begin reviewing nominations.
- Friday, 26 August 2022
Bursary Award judges return their assessments.
- Week Commencing Monday, 19 September 2022
Finalists are notified and invitations to the Bursary Award Event are sent out.
- Wednesday, 19 October 2022
Bursary Award Event, where the winner is announced.

