



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

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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.



February already and I'm sure like many of you, for us, it means it's full steam ahead.

We have just come together for our annual Strategic planning day. Our quote of the day came from one of my favorite authors Maya Angelou describing how she measures success –

“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it”.

Thank you to our Executive committee for all their work to make this as productive as it could be. Our subcommittees will be a major part of our focus in the first part of the year, along with working on a new website and our conference in Shepparton mid-year.

There is exciting news to share from one of the intern graduates as ALGWA Vic congratulates Lara on her new role.

We have a number of events coming up, some, giving us the opportunity to come together in person, and others on zoom.

I look forward to seeing many of you very soon.

Warm regards,
Mayor Kylie Spears
ALGWA Vic President

February Events

Our First Online forum for 2022. Thursday 17 February 7pm

The Culture Review is an important piece of work. ALGWA Vic is interested in the views of its members on important issues like this. As part of our role in advocating for its members our first online forum for 2022 will allow time to receive feedback as we make our submission reflecting issues raised at this forum.

Join us for the FREE 1 hour online event.

[Book your Ticket](#)



International Women's Day

How to improve gender equality in local government



DEAKIN UNIVERSITY



Presented by Coral Ross AM
Coral received the Churchill Fellowship in 2018, using it to research more than 50 overseas initiatives across Canada, Sweden, Germany, the UK & USA. She has over 30 recommendations to share on how to improve gender equality in local government.



Deakin Downtown, CBD
Wednesday 23 Feb. 8:00am – 9:30am
Limited Seats

In these unprecedented times, unfortunately, we have had to postpone Corals' presentation of her Churchill Fellowship research in both 2020 and 2021. However, we are super excited to announce ALGWA Vic's first International Women's Day (IWD) event launching 23rd of Feb with guest speaker Coral Ross AM sharing on how to improve gender equality in local government. This will lead to the opening of IWD 2022 week and help celebrate #breakthebias.

We are so delighted to have Deakin University sponsor this event. This widens the opportunity for students across all universities to gain an insight into local government, gender equality, and breaking the bias in our sector.

A light breakfast will also be provided, and a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals! Bookings are essential.

This event is not to be missed!

[Purchase Ticket](#)



Save the date: 'Emerging Creatively', the 2022 ALGWA (Vic) Conference returns

The popular ALGWA (Vic) Conference returns on 5 and 6 June 2022 in Shepparton.

Themed 'Emerging Creatively', the conference aims to inform, connect, and inspire women in local government by providing opportunities for professional learning, networking, and fun.

An early highlight for delegates will be an evening cocktail event on level four of the new Shepparton Art Museum, overlooking the Goulburn River and Victoria Park Lake.

Lots more to come in next month's newsletter.



Image: Shepparton Art Museum by night.

[Interested in attending ALGWA National Conference click here](#)

Congratulations to graduate Intern Lara Christensen.



We are so excited to see Lara landing a role with the state government as the Policy and Engagement Officer with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Region. The position requires the individual to provide strategic and operational advice on all matters reporting to the Minister for Local Government. With the role placing a focus on advancing programs and policies that maximise local government's contributions to state objectives and outcomes.

Many of our members met Lara at our 2021 state conference. A wonderful asset to ALGWA Vic and we are so delighted that she has landed this great role that is well deserved.

It brings us great joy to see our intern program assisting with career pathways through different levels of government. Our interns as exposed to democracy in an empowering way that not only provides them with insight but a vast amount of skills required in this field through our nibble organisation.

Our intern program has become a coveted one thanks to the calibre that has come through in the last few years.

Our congratulations goes out to Lara with great expectations of what is to come.

