



## AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

### February Newsletter 2023

#### FEBURARY ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 23rd February @ 7pm EST

Code of Conduct:  
Resetting for a New Year with Justitia



Sarah Rey and Melissa Scadden are partners at [Justitia](#), a multi-award-winning law firm based in Melbourne that has worked with Councils since 2006. They focus on helping Councils create healthy and dynamic workplaces where people can thrive, whether through employment law advice to CEOs and HR teams or governance support to Councils.

Justitia has a keen interest in early intervention strategies for workplace conflict and building individuals' capacity to engage effectively in difficult conversations. Melissa and Sarah have acted as Arbitrator or Mediators on numerous Councillor Code of Conduct disputes and, more recently, supported many Councils with refreshing their Codes of Conduct and building effective working relationships.

Justitia has sponsored the three last ALGWA Vic conferences, and Melissa, Magda, and Sarah have been privileged to contribute to the conference programmes. Justitia is a MAV accredited legal services provider and collaborates with VLGA to provide training and other support to Councils.

This online forum will be about how we continue building effective working relationships with our fellow councillors.

Don't delay. Book in now

#### MARCH ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 23rd March @ 7pm EST

Building Positive Teams



Lydia Wilson is the current Chair of the Panel of Administrators established to act as the Whittlesea City Council. Her role is to ensure the council is governing in the best interest of the local community and meeting its statutory obligations.

During these years, Lydia has built and continues to forge strong relationships and connections within the council and externally.

Lydia has experience working in Local Government, including as a CEO, on many Boards and Advisory Committees. She has a wealth of knowledge to share.

Lydia will share her reflections on the last two years, what has been achieved and how she has done this. You can't do anything by yourself in Local Government. Get the tips you need to achieve all your desire for your community.

Book it in now

#### APRIL ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 27th April @ 12pm via Zoom

Join us for ALGWA Vic's  
Annual General Meeting 2023

President Welcome  
Acknowledgment of Country

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Adoption of minutes of previous AGM of May 18th 2022
2. Business arising from previous minutes
3. President's Report
4. Executive Officer's Report & Presentation of Annual Statements
5. Honorary (As stated in the ALGWA Vic constitution)
6. Determination of annual membership fees
8. General Business

Close of AGM

2022 ALGWA Vic AGM Minutes

Register to attend!

#### MAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by ALGWA Vic

Don't forget to book for the  
2023 National Conference!



When booking, delegates select from some exciting options:

- [Pick your conference package](#) based on your preferred inclusions
- [Choose your experience](#) from the Friday activities on offer
- [Select a gift](#) from local Mornington Peninsula produce

We are pleased to offer ALGWA members 10% off their registration: use the code **ALGWAMEMBER** at checkout when booking.

To book for only the Welcome Function (Wednesday) or Gala Dinner (Friday), please [contact Mornington Peninsula Shire](#) directly.

Please note that only one registrant can be booked per transaction.

We can't wait to welcome you in May 2023!

Book now!

#### Exciting news from our former intern

As ALGWA Vic continues the internship program in 2023, we start with celebrating more success stories



My internship experience with ALGWA Vic was the most beneficial stepping stone into the exciting opportunities I have gained within my relevant career field.

I landed my first role in Marketing & Communications at Justitia Lawyers & Consultants by networking at one of ALGWA Vic's conferences. I am so lucky to be still working for this beautiful firm part-time!

I have recently started a new and exciting role at Cardinia Shire Council as a Communications Support Officer. This role involves working with the Communications and Engagement team to provide support in any media, communications, administration, and community engagement projects.

My internship with ALGWA Vic gave me the confidence and skills to achieve this role through various video editing and content creation tasks. The mentorship and guidance Michelle and the team provided have helped me achieve my career aspirations that will continue to be embedded in all I do. I'm thrilled to start this new role working and communicating with the community.

I highly recommend an internship with ALGWA Vic for anyone looking for a beneficial and empowering experience with women and local government.

Chantelle Fowler

