



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION
VICTORIAN BRANCH

July Newsletter 2023

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 pay our respects to their Ancestors and Elders, past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs, unique ability to care for Country, and intrinsic connection to their traditional lands, which continue to be important to them today.

ALGWA VIC 2023 BURSARY AWARDS

Nominations for the ALGWA Vic 2023 Bursary Awards close on 30 June at 11:59pm!

ALGWA Vic is committed to promoting career advancement for women in the local government sector through study

This award is open to all women officers studying to further their careers in local government, and their council is a paid member of ALGWA Vic for 2023/2024. Memberships are renewed on 1 July each year.

Key 2023 Bursary Award dates:

- Thursday, 18 May 2023**
Bursary Award nominations open
- Friday, 30 June 2023**
Nominations close at 11:59 pm
- Sunday, 9 July 2023**
Bursary Award judges return their assessments for endorsement by the ALGWA Vic Executive Committee
- Tuesday, 11 July 2023**
Finalists are notified
- Wednesday, 30 August 2023**
Bursary Award Event at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium, and the winner is announced

Start your Bursary Nomination here

2023 ALGWA VIC BURSARY AWARD NIGHT

Wednesday 30th August @ 6:30pm AEST

Coral Atoll Room | SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
King St, Melbourne VIC 3000

One winner will receive the 2023 Bursary Award on this evening. Featuring keynote speaker, Nadine Russell, this is sure to be an evening you'll remember.



Book your tickets to the Bursary Awards Night here



Nadine Russell, Telstra Executive
Keynote Speaker

Nadine Russell is the Group Owner for Local Government, NFP and Community Service at Telstra responsible for driving innovation and a positive customer experience across this important customer segment. Nadine's focus is to develop strategic relationships with customers and partners and to enable our customers to continue to make a difference in the communities and for constituents that they serve.

Nadine has led a number of teams in Telstra responsible for managing relationships with Large Enterprise and Government customers. With over 20 years in Telecommunications and IT Nadine has extensive experience in leading sales, marketing and product teams within Nortel, Optus, Uecomm and Interactive.

Nadine is passionate about making a difference in our community and driving customer and team success. By leading a team with strong values and culture the aim is to always provide a positive experience for our customers and their communities.

JULY ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 27th July @ 7pm AEST via Zoom

Celebrating Pathways

Join us for ALGWA Vic's July Online Forum, where we'll be celebrating pathways and exploring the diverse opportunities beyond council life.

Julie Eisenbise is our distinguished speaker, who's served as a Councillor, Mayor, and currently holds leadership roles appointed by the state government, will share her personal journey of transitioning from council life to new and rewarding chapters.

This forum provides an invaluable opportunity for Councillors to gain insight into what their next chapter could look like, emphasising that elected roles are not just careers or jobs but integral parts of a larger journey filled with countless opportunities.

Don't miss this inspiring event!

Join us on Zoom



Julie Eisenbise, Electoral Review Advisory
Panel Chair
Guest Speaker

Julie was a councillor at Manningham City Council, (1997-2005), serving as Mayor in 2001-02, and was a member of the Municipal Association of Victoria Board (2001-04). She has extensive experience in the education and science field spanning 30 years, including the role of Executive Director, Global Business and Engagement at RMIT University which oversaw the international and local business development of the University.

Julie was the Business and Professional Woman's Association's Victorian Woman of the Year in 1997 and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has served on a number of Boards including an Aged Care Centre and Box Hill Institute of TAFE as well as numerous community Boards and Committees.

More recently, Julie served as a Commissioner on the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission from 2013 to 2021. In 2019 Julie served on the Commission of Inquiry into South Gippsland Shire Council. Subsequently the Council was dismissed, and Julie was appointed as Chair of the Administrators of South Gippsland Shire Council from mid-2019 until end of 2021 when the Council held elections.

Currently, Julie is Chair of the Electoral Review Advisory Panel working with, but independent of the VEC for the review of a number of Councils to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020. This includes, whether the council has an appropriate number of councillors, whether it should be subdivided or unsubdivided and appropriate ward names.

STATE CONFERENCE 2025

Nominations are open until 31 July, 2023

Don't miss out on hosting our annual state conference in 2025!

Attention: Metro Councils

We are now accepting Expressions of Interest to host the ALGWA Vic annual state conference. If you're a Metro council interested in seizing this incredible opportunity, click the link below to learn more and submit your application.

Be part of the next exceptional conference experience. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements as we embark on this journey together!

Download the Conference Host Info Pack here

Download the Conference Host EOI Form here

STATE CONFERENCE 2024

ALGWA Vic 2024 Annual State Conference will be hosted by
Baw Baw Shire

Resilience & Reinvention



Baw Baw Shire Council is thrilled to announce it has been chosen to host the Australian Local Government Women's Association Victoria 2024 State Conference in April.

The *Resilience and Reinvention* themed conference will take place on **26 and 27 April 2024** at the West Gippsland Arts Centre in Warragul.

More details, including keynote speakers, will be released over the coming months.

