



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.



Thank you to all those who attended our AGM two weeks ago. I am honoured to have been re-elected President for the next two years. Our committee has a new face and some returning members which is wonderful. Your committee for 2022 – 2024 is:

Cr Janet Pearce (Macedon Ranges) – Vice President Rural, Cr Denise Massoud (Whitehorse) – Vice President Metro, Coral Ross AM, Sandra Wilson, Cr Jane Ogden (Ganawarra), Helen Coleman OAM, Mayor Michelle Kleinert (Manningham) – Executive Officer.

I sincerely thank our two retiring members, Barbara Abley AM CGSJ FACN and Cr Virginia Tachos (Brimbank).

Virginia has been part of ALGWA Vic since 2016 and on the Executive committee since 2019, she has been part of our Mentoring reference group and Events subcommittee.

Barb has been part of ALGWA Vic since 2001 and part of the Executive committee since 2012, her knowledge, experience and wise council are greatly appreciated by us all. We are very excited and grateful that Barb will continue to be Chair of our Bursary subcommittee.

I can't wait to see everyone in Shepparton. We are really looking forward to the opportunity once again to be face to face. If you haven't booked your ticket, there is still a small window of time to do so.

If you are travelling to Canberra for ALGA this year, we would love to see you at the ALGWA National breakfast on the Monday(20 June) morning, details on how to book are below, also please drop by the ALGWA stall and say hello.

Warm regards,

Cr Kylie Spears
ALGWA Vic President



Will we see you next week?

Tickets are still available for the 2022 ALGWA Victoria Conference in Greater Shepparton Sunday 5 and Monday 6 June, go to, www.visitshepparton.com.au/algwa-vic-conference-2022 to secure your tickets today!

We have a great program of speakers that will focus on gender equality and diversity, resilience and recovery in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting women's leadership in local government and the latest developments in local government.

See our full program [here!](#)

Our final speaker for the conference has been confirmed! Sara Harbidge, Executive Director Local Government Victoria will provide an update from Local Government Victoria, touching on the role of municipal monitors and the Local Government Culture Project.

Sara works across government to drive and deliver complex, high-profile policy initiatives, strategies, investment programs and large-scale reforms to positively change Victoria's future. We look forward to welcoming her next week!

Make sure you don't miss out and book your accommodation with one of our wonderful providers in the region. There's a diverse range of hotel and motel stays, comfortable self-contained accommodation, all relaxing and secured locations to suit all preferences. Take a look at the accommodation in Greater Shepparton www.visitshepparton.com.au/stay.

2022 ALGWA Vic Bursary Award nominations open in June

It's never too early to start preparing your nomination for our annual Bursary Award!

The 2022 Bursary Award nominations open at the [ALGWA Vic State Conference in Greater Shepparton](#) on 6 June, 2022. Our 2021 Bursary Award winner, Sonja Nieuvenhoven, will be speaking about the benefits of this Award and officially open the nominations for the 2022 Bursary Award.

[2022 Bursary Award Nomination Form \(DOCX\)](#)

Key 2022 Bursary Award dates:

- [Monday, 6 June 2022](#)
Bursary Award nominations open.
- [Friday, 8 July 2022](#)
Bursary Award nominations close at 11:59pm AEST.
- [Wednesday, 20 July 2022](#)
Nominees will receive acknowledgement of their submission by today.
- [Thursday, 21 July 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.

Host the 2024 ALGWA Vic Rural State Conference - EOIs open soon!

With the [2022 ALGWA Vic State Conference hosted by Greater Shepparton](#) just around the corner, 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 open.
- [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 Event. A representative from the council will make a presentation on the night.

Your invitation to ALGWA National breakfast in Canberra

Monday 20th June



WELCOMING OUR NEWEST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Deputy Mayor, Cr Jane Ogden from Gannawarra Shire.



Cr Jane E Ogden is a first-term Councillor for the Gannawarra Shire Council and was voted into the role in October 2020. She brings many varied skills and experience to her role as a Councillor, including having worked for the shire in many roles, including Coordinator Community Engagement and Community Development Officer. Jane is also passionate about encouraging and supporting more women to run for council. In November 2021, Jane was elected Deputy Mayor and is the only woman working on a council of seven.

Jane is on the Rural Councils Victoria committee representing six councils in the Rural North Central Region and was recently elected as their Deputy Chair. She is passionate about advocating for State and Federal governments on behalf of rural councils and the particular issues rural councils face. The Circular Economy and Climate Change are high on the list of areas of advocacy and passion for Jane.

Jane was recently appointed as a Director on the Northern District Community Health Board, based in Kerang. She is interested in supporting the community health needs of her Gannawarra communities, which include better GP, hospital, and mental health services.

Being on the ALGWA Victoria committee is a privilege for Jane and she looks forward to having a positive voice on the committee for rural women.

