



## AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

### November 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 acknowledge and respect 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.

### NOVEMBER ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 30th November @ 7pm AEST via Zoom

#### Making the most of your final year

Time to relax and share. It's that time... the end of another year of the elected term.

Time to sit back, relax and join together on Zoom, reflect, chat and share with each other our achievements and our goals for the final year ahead.

Of course, there are the elections next year to think about as well!

Join us Thursday the 30th of November at 7pm with your favourite drink.

- Cr Janet Pierce, Rural Vice President

Save the date, and let's make this virtual gathering a memorable one! See you online.

[Book now](#)

Our 2024 forum series kicks off in February. See you there!

### ALGWA VIC SUB-COMMITTEES

Elevate your impact: Join an ALGWA Vic Sub-Committee!

#### Unlock opportunities for growth and collaboration

Are you ready to take your involvement with ALGWA Vic to the next level? Consider joining one of our dynamic sub-committees!

These specialised teams play a crucial role in shaping the future of ALGWA Vic and offer a unique platform for personal and professional growth.

Open to all ALGWA Vic members, including Council Officers!

ALGWA Vic members, including council officers (not just councillors), are strongly encouraged to apply! Your diverse perspectives and experiences are invaluable assets that can significantly contribute to the success of our sub-committees.

Meetings are conveniently conducted online during business hours, ensuring seamless integration with your professional commitments. We hold no more than five sub-committee meetings each year, which run for approximately 90 minutes each.

Ready to make a difference?

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Send in your applications to our Executive Office at [admin@algwa.com.au](mailto:admin@algwa.com.au) and be a driving force in shaping the future of ALGWA Vic!

### STATE CONFERENCE 2024

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

Resilience & Reinvention





**Bookings for our Annual State Conference open in the new year.  
Stay tuned!**

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.



## INTERN UPDATE

### Reflections on the 2023 intern cohort from our Executive Officer



It's been another fantastic year for ALGWA Vic, and our intern program has once again proven to be a crucial asset in driving our work forward. These passionate interns have been instrumental in supporting various initiatives such as our annual conference, online forums, the Bursary award and accompanying August event, and managing our dynamic presence on social media. The enthusiasm and dedication they bring are truly inspiring.

What's particularly exciting in 2023 is the rich tapestry of diversity we've seen among our interns. We've had applicants from a wide array of backgrounds, studying different courses and at various stages of their academic journey. From eager two-year students to ambitious master's candidates, each application shines with its unique qualities. Our interns also represent diverse cultures and age groups, a characteristic we wholeheartedly embrace.

As summer approaches, we're pleased to report a record number of internship applications for the university Christmas break and 2024. We commit to interviewing every applicant, and three common themes have emerged in these interviews:

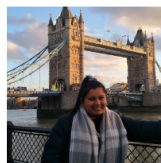
1. A desire to understand local government better.
2. Support for women in local government.
3. Interest in a local government career.

We're excited to continue nurturing this invaluable program, and we extend our thanks to our members for their continued support.

Kindest regards,

Cr Michelle Kleinert OAM

### 2023 Interns



#### Brooke Davids

Bachelor of Law  
Bachelor of International Studies

- Major: International Relations



#### Wabbi Bechere



Bachelor of Commerce  
Bachelor of International Studies

- Majors: Marketing and International Relations



**Dua Haider**

Bachelor of Law  
Bachelor of International Studies

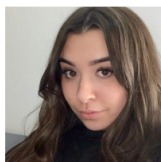
- Major: Politics and Policy Studies

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#### 2023 Volunteers

**Kate Di Salvatore**

Bachelor of Politics and International Relations



**Bianca Gibson**

Communications Coordinator

Bachelor of Professional and Creative Writing



**Carri Halloway**

Communications and Engagement Adviser

Bachelor of Arts  
Diploma of Justice



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