



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 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.

2023 ALGWA VIC BURSARY AWARD NIGHT

Sophie and Pam at NCWV Women's Health event

Sophie Paterson (our 2023 Bursary Award winner), and Pam Robinson AM (ALGWA Vic Life Member and past President) recently caught up at the National Council of Women Victoria's 'Women's Health' event.

Their paths crossed at this insightful event, organised in collaboration with the City of Melbourne and featuring the knowledgeable Professor Cassandra Szoek as the speaker.

'It was wonderful to see Sophie there with full support of Glen Eira Council to attend—not only in view of her job at Council, but also befitting with her recent achievement as the ALGWA Vic Bursary Award winner,' Pam shared.

What makes this meet-up even more wonderful is that Sophie and Pam found themselves sitting together, both engrossed in the speaker's insights. Pam shared a light moment, saying, 'We both had questions for the speaker! Very good all around.'

This connection between Sophie and Pam is a beautiful offshoot of the Bursary Award night, showcasing how these events create lasting bonds—a testament to the meaningful networks nurtured within our ALGWA Vic community.



More great feedback about the Bursary Award night!



Carla Fuentes



Head of Community Engagement
[Polaron Language Services](#)

Attending the ALGWA Vic Bursary Award Night for the first time was an absolute delight, and I cherished every moment of the experience.

From the amazing venue to the profoundly inspiring speeches delivered by the nominees, the atmosphere was brimming with support and celebration.

Surrounded by a diverse group of accomplished female leaders, each with their unique backgrounds and stories, I found myself deeply inspired and motivated.

OCTOBER ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 26th October @ 7pm AEST via Zoom

Reset and Refresh

As we gear up for the 2024 local government elections, our October Online Forum is all about hitting the reset button and refreshing our approach to conversations. Join us on October 26th for valuable insights on fostering more productive dialogues during this crucial final year.

Discover essential skills to transform relationships with fellow Councillors from mere opposition to powerful partnerships. Learn strategies to:

- **Reposition Yourself:** Work collaboratively side by side with fellow councillors.
- **Build Alliances:** Break through conversation roadblocks and establish effective alliances.
- **Reframe Your Purpose:** Explore techniques to redefine and strengthen your mission.
- **Embrace Open Perspectives:** Cultivate curiosity and understanding by examining others' viewpoints openly.

It's time to switch off defensiveness and embrace curiosity. Let's ensure our conversations lead us toward collective success as we approach the exciting challenges of the 2024 elections.

Mark your calendar and be part of this transformative discussion. See you there, and don't forget to book!

[Book now](#)

About our October Forum facilitator:



Anne-Marie Cade



After practising law for over 15 years, Anne-Marie realised she was most interested in human relationships. She decided to begin training in mediation and established her own mediation and coaching consultancy about 6 years ago.

Anne-Marie Cade is a Lawyer, Nationally Accredited Mediator, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Conflict Resolution Specialist, Parenting Co-ordinator, Speaker, Trainer, Local Government Councillor and Lecturer in law. She was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to conduct research internationally in 16 cities in 7 countries to investigate "Best Practice in Parenting Co-ordination" to inform the implementation of the practice in Australia. Parenting Coordination is an alternative method of dispute resolution where a parenting coordinator assists parents navigate interparental conflict post separation. In the course of her research she studied parenting coordination practices, the development of legislation, ethical considerations of the practice as well as methods of navigating and managing conflict effectively.

She is passionate about providing insights and strategic advice on building conflict intelligence, constructive conflict resolution, conflict management and navigating difficult conversations with Corporate Teams, Local Government, State Government, Elected Officials and Lawyers.

[Download her Corporate Training Program 'Support For Your People' brochure here.](#)

NOVEMBER ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 30th November @ 7pm AEST via Zoom

Making the most of your final year

With the local government election looming just one year away, our November Online Forum is your chance to dive into strategies for making the most of your final year.

This marks our last online forum of the year, so bring your favourite celebration drink and nibbles as we reflect on the accomplishments of the past months and look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead.

Connect with fellow ALGWA Vic community members, gain insights from experienced leaders, and prepare to embark on the journey toward making a lasting impact in your community.

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

[Book now](#)

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.

Ready to make a difference?

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Send in your applications to our Executive Office at 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



[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.



VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Behind the scenes of the Bursary Award night!



Carri Halloway
ALGWA Vic Volunteer
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Dear ALGWA Vic Community,

I'm thrilled to share a recap of our recent ALGWA Vic Bursary Award ceremony, a night that was not only a celebration of academic excellence but also a testament to the power of community support.

In the lead-up to the event, I had the privilege of diving into the nitty-gritty details and channelling my inner event

planner. From reviewing and editing the program (put together by our multi-talented intern, Dua) to fine-tuning the run sheet, it was a behind-the-scenes adventure that I relished.

As the night unfolded, I transitioned from the admin side of things to enjoying the festivities as a guest. And let me tell you, it was an absolute blast! Being there with my friend Celia added an extra layer of joy to the evening.

Post-event, the excitement continued as I sifted through the treasure trove of photos captured during the ceremony. Crafting last month's mammoth newsletter was a labour of love, and I'm delighted to once again contribute to this edition.

Our ALGWA Vic community never fails to amaze me with its commitment to excellence and the genuine camaraderie we share. A heartfelt congratulations to all the nominees and winners; your accomplishments are the wind beneath our wings.

Here's to more successful events and shared moments within our incredible community.

Warm regards,

Carri



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