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AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
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VICTORIAN BRANCH

February 2024 Newsletter

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.

FIRST ONLINE FORUM OF 2024

Thursday 1st February @ 7pm EDT

ALGWA Vic is kicking off the new year with our first online forum of 2024:

Unlocking The Power of Induction

We welcome our February speaker, CEO of South Gippsland Shire Council, Kerryn Ellis.



Kerryn Ellis is a passionate public sector leader with over 25 years' experience, who is energised by working with communities in a context of rapid change. Kerryn's main professional love is building high-performing, ethical, and agile organisations with values-based leadership working in partnership to delivery great outcomes with the community.

Kerryn's current role is Chief Executive Officer of South Gippsland Shire Council. Prior to this position, Kerryn held the positions of Director of Corporate Services at Victoria's Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Director of Corporate Performance with the City of Greater Bendigo.

Kerryn holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Commerce and a Graduate Diploma of Public Policy and Management. Kerryn is a current board member of LGPro, and was recognised as one of the IPAA Top 50 Public Sector Women in 2021.

With the State Government seeking feedback in lieu of the local government 2024 elections, Kerryn will give fresh insight to strategies South Gippsland Shire initiated to encourage a greater understanding of the role of a councillor, code of conduct, and respectful relationships against another.

We continue to seek feedback from you on these important issues.

Book Now

FEBRUARY ONLINE FORUM:
NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday 22nd February @ 7pm EDT

Every month ALGWA Vic will host a Online Forum dedicated to networking. It is really important to stay connected and supported, and doing it online is the best way to come together from across the state.

In fact, our forums are open to all ALGWA members from across Australia.

Join us. We're looking forward to catching up with you.

Register Now

MARCH ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 7th March @ 7pm EDT

How to Market Yourself in Less than 100 Words

We welcome Carri Halloway as our March guest speaker!



Passionate about local governance and community empowerment, Carri Halloway is a dedicated ALGWA Vic volunteer, graduating from the intern program in 2020.

By day, she brings a unique blend of creativity and expertise to her communications role in state government. In her free time, Carri operates her own copywriting business, CopySmith.

She's always loved words and how they can be used to tell a story, persuade an audience, or bring a smile to someone's face.

Unlock the secrets of impactful bios in this 1-hour online forum!

Join Carri as she live demos an existing bio into a powerful tool for community engagement.

Let's break the self-promotion barrier women often face. Whether you're a seasoned candidate or running for the first time, this session will empower you to craft a personal summary that resonates.

Your revamped bio will shine on LinkedIn and your socials.

Book Now



2024 State Conference Early Bird Tickets on Sale NOW!

Join us for the ALGWA Victoria 2024 State Conference hosted by Baw Baw Shire Council from 26 -27 April 2024 at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul.

"Baw Baw Shire Council is thrilled to bring together women from across Victoria, and Australia to celebrate and advance female participation in Local Government," said Baw Baw Shire Council Mayor, Cr Annemarie McCabe.

"This year's conference theme is Resilience and Reinvention and will offer delegates the opportunity to reflect and develop skills to overcome challenges, initiate courageous conversations, and be leading changemakers in their communities."

"We have a sensational line-up of speakers and workshop facilitators with a breadth of experience across government, community, education, advocacy, business and more," said Mayor McCabe.

"I am delighted to announce keynote speakers including academic, advocate and social commentator Dr Susan Carland, and interpersonal leadership communication expert and "Top 30 Global Guru" Dr Louise Mahler," said Mayor McCabe.

Dr Carland and Dr Mahler will be joined by author and broadcaster Rachel Berger, award-winning entrepreneur and social impact leader Julie Hirsh, soft skills expert Leah Mether, Minister for Regional Development Victoria the Hon. Harriet Shing, and a host of trailblazing female councillors from across the state.

The conference venue, the West Gippsland Arts Centre, is an easy 105km drive southeast of Melbourne CBD via the M1 and easily accessed by V/Line train services.

Book Now

You don't want to miss the motivational program and invaluable networking the 2024 state conference and gala dinner will provide. Book early and save! Discounted early bird tickets are now on sale until 26th March.

To discover more, and to reserve your early bird tickets, visit:
<https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/ALGWA-Victoria>

INTERN UPDATE

Recent Events:



Life as an ALGWA Vic intern has been busy and exciting as we've jumped into the New Year! This month, we have planned, networked and intently listened.

Earlier this month, we joined the ALGWA Vic Planning Day for 2024. This showed us just how passionate the ALGWA Vic Committee is about supporting women in local government and pushing towards their goals. The Planning Day allowed us to hear from all members of the Committee and understand the upcoming events for ALGWA Vic in 2024. Let me tell you, this year is bound to be a good one!



We also had the (extremely exciting) opportunity to visit Government House for the Annual Australia Day Reception on the 30th of January. We were lucky enough to meet Her Excellency, Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria. Her Excellency's speech reminded us of how lucky we are to live in such a harmonious and diverse community.



Government House holds history and beauty that we didn't know existed. The Main Hall itself was adorned with beautiful blue and gold embellishments, with portraits embellishing the walls. It was truly an amazing experience that we will never forget! We also met some champions of the community and were surrounded by many inspiring people that we will look towards as we begin our careers.



Now that we've come back down to Earth, we better get back to work. Stay tuned as we work on making the ALGWA Vic State Conference the best that it can be!

