



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
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VICTORIAN BRANCH

January 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.



2024 State Conference 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 Cr 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 will not 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>

ALGWA Vic's First Online Forum of 2024

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 twenty five 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 deliver 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 Corporate Services at Victoria's Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and Director 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.

Join us on 1st February at 7pm - 8pm (EST)

Book Now

ALGWA VIC SUB-COMMITTEES

Elevate your impact: Join an ALGWA Vic Sub-Committee in 2024!

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.

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!

INTERN UPDATE

Meet Our Newest Intern



Hello, my name is Jayme Yankos and I am excited to be interning for ALGWA Vic 2024. I am currently in my final Trimester of Film, Tv & Animation at Deakin University, and am keen on enhancing my skills in a professional setting.

What drew me to ALGWA Vic is their unwavering commitment to inclusivity and empowering women in corporate environments. With the unique opportunity to have gained insights into the strategies and goals of women in the local government. I'm excited to bring my skills on board and contribute to creating a more diverse and equitable workplace.

I am particularly excited about working alongside Michelle in Marketing and Administration, where I'll contribute to the planning and execution of Baw Baw Shire's State conference in the coming months.

I am committed to approaching this experience with diligence and professionalism, and look forward to furthering ALGWA Vic's vision of positive change in Local Government.

