



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 pay our respects to their Ancestors and Elders, past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs, unique ability to care for Country, and intrinsic connection to their traditional lands, which continue to be important to them today.

2023 ALGWA VIC BURSARY AWARD NIGHT

We're just a few weeks out - book now!

RSVP by Wednesday 9th August

Wednesday 30th August @ 6:30pm AEST

Coral Atoll Room | SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
King St, Melbourne VIC 3000

One winner will receive the 2023 Bursary Award. Featuring keynote speaker, Nadine Russell, this is sure to be an evening you'll remember.

Tickets includes a two-course meal, canapes on arrival and drinks at this marvellous venue.



[Download your invitation here](#)

[Book your tickets to the Bursary Awards Night here](#)



Nadine Russell, Telstra Executive
Keynote Speaker

Nadine Russell is the Group Owner for Local Government, NFP and Community Service at Telstra responsible for driving innovation and a positive customer experience across this important customer segment. Nadine's focus is to develop strategic relationships with customers and partners and to enable our customers to continue to make a difference in the communities and for constituents that they serve.

Nadine has led a number of teams in Telstra responsible for managing relationships with Large Enterprise and Government customers. With over 20 years in Telecommunications and IT Nadine has extensive experience in leading sales, marketing and product teams within Nortel, Optus, Ucomm and Interactive.

Nadine is passionate about making a difference in our community and driving customer and team success. By leading a team with strong values and culture the aim is to always provide a positive experience for our customers and their communities.

About the Award:

This year, the winner of the award will receive a \$2,500 cash prize as well as a ticket to the 2024 ALGWA Vic Conference with a guest speaking role. The winner will also receive the opportunity to participate in the judging panel for the 2024 Bursary Award applications.

We are also thrilled to have LGPro join us as a Supporting Partner in celebrating this event by providing the Bursary Award Winner with access to one LGPro course over the next 12 months of the winner's choice, up to the value of \$2,500. The winner will also receive a ticket to the LGPro Women's Conference and LGPro Women's Conference Gala Dinner.

SEPTEMBER ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 21st September @ 7pm AEST via Zoom

Hands Up for Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Have you ever considered stepping up as a leader in your community? Now's the perfect time to explore the roles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor in our upcoming online forum!

Join us for an engaging virtual conversation on Thursday 21 September, where we'll delve into the responsibilities and rewards of these crucial positions. Gain inspiration and confidence from the insights of esteemed past and current Councillors and Mayors who will be sharing their experiences.

Don't miss this opportunity to discover the impact you can make and the positive change you can bring to your community.

Mark your calendars and be part of this empowering event! See you there!

[Book now](#)

STATE CONFERENCE 2025

Nominations close 9 August, 2023

Don't miss out on hosting our annual state conference in 2025!

We're announcing the 2025 State Conference host council at the Bursary event.

Attention: Metro Councils

We are now accepting Expressions of Interest to host the ALGWA Vic annual state conference. If you're a Metro council interested in seizing this incredible opportunity, click the link below to learn more and submit your application.

Be part of the next exceptional conference experience. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements as we embark on this journey together!

[Download the Conference Host Info Pack here](#)

[Download the Conference Host EOI Form here](#)

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.



INTERN PROGRAM

Exciting news from our former intern.



Michelle Munasinghe
2019 ALGWA Vic Intern

My name is Michelle and I was an intern at ALGWA VIC in 2019 during COVID times. I am now working at Manningham



Council, in the Property and Land Tenure team.

Working at ALGWA Vic was a great exposure to the lens of local government. It showed me how councils operate, in particular Manningham Council, which had enticed me into applying for the role at Manningham Council. Doing the internship at ALGWA Vic allowed me to liaise with other councillors, learn more about the work that councils do, and also showed the role of women in local government.

I strongly believe that the things I had learnt at ALGWA Vic perpetuated my interest in working for the government, and my role at Manningham Council will allow me to grow within this field. ALGWA Vic allows great exposure within the local government sphere, and being able to work with the Executive Officer, Cr Michelle Kleinert OAM, was a joy to experience.

I highly recommend this internship for future interns wanting to develop an insight into government, councils, and specifically local government. It would be a great opportunity to witness how women in leadership positions bond and work together to achieve great things in the council.



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