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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 respects 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.



by our President, Cr Kylie Spears, on GEAC

The Victorian Government's <u>Gender Equality Advisory Committee</u> (GEAC) provides advice to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Melissa Horne MP and the Minister for Women, the Hon Natalie Hutchins MP on strategies to achieve the Government's target of 50 percent female mayors

and councillors by 2025. The GEAC is co-chaired by Kat Theophanous MP

and Juliana Addison MP. ALGWA Vic has been privileged to be represented

The GEAC has announced the **Advancing Women's Leadership Summit** that will drive gender equality and diversity in Victorian local government elected representatives by 2025. It is an invitation only event and our President has been invited. Several other Executive Committee members have been invited in varying capacities. We are acutely aware that all councils are under pressure with staffing and being impacted daily by absences due to COVID. The difficulties for staff

recruitment which puts extra pressure on all, to ensure service delivery

continues to a standard we all strive for. This pressure was clearly

articulated when we encouraged applicants for our annual 2022 ALGWA

Vic Bursary Award to support officer development. The message received

was "just too busy - there is a lot going on - can I apply next year.."

Therefore, the ALGWA Vic Executive have considered this feedback and

made the decision to delay the 2022 Bursary and offer two Bursaries in

As we know the year gets busier as we meet with Spring. This edition we have put both the September and October online forums with the hope we can squeeze a face to face Thursday 24 November. Wouldn't that be wonderful. If you need support or just a chat about anything please reach out to us. admin@algwa.com.au

**Cr Janet Pearce** ALGWA Vic Rural Vice President

Until next time stay safe, healthy and happy.

**Deputy Mayor Cr Denise Massoud** ALGWA Vic Metro Vice President

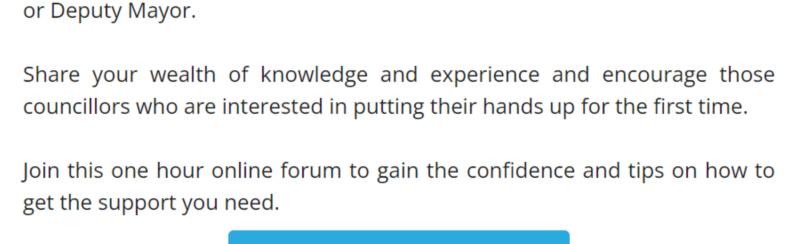
Whitehorse City Council

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

2023.

Best wishes,

**September Online forum** Thursday 15 September @ 7pm Are you thinking about nominating for Mayor or **Deputy Mayor** 



Register for this online event

We will be encouraging all of our members who are or have been in these

roles to come and support councillors aspiring to take on the role of Mayor

**October Online forum** Thursday 20 October @ 7pm Mentor and Mentees networking - catch up

time

Time flies.... We know many of you have continued to stay in touch. Lets

keep the connections going. Investment in your wellbeing, time

## management and those prickly relationships all play a part in your role as councillor, let alone life in general. This month is dedicated to networking and sharing how you are going, advise, a listening ear. We will be breaking into rooms to lots of conversation.

supported to be the best councillor you can be for your community. Register now before you forget

Nothing is off the table here. ALGWA Vic is a safe space for you to be



of keynote presentations, discussions, and social events. We've already locked in 2023's conference, where Mornington Peninsula Shire Council will not only host the 2023 ALGWA Vic State Conference but also the ALGWA National Conference! Now, we're excited to open up EOIs

for rural councils looking to host the 2024 conference. That way, there'll be

plenty of time to prepare and take the ALGWA Vic 2024 State Conference to

Victoria's most influential and powerful women, while also networking and

The ALGWA Vic State Conference is a two-day event that includes a variety

building relationships with like-minded individuals.

If you would like to put your council forward as a potential host for the 2024 ALGWA Vic State Conference, please download the attached Expression of Interest brochure and form: 2024 EOI Brochure (PDF)

2024 EOI Form (DOCX)

**Key EOI dates:**  Monday, 6 June 2022 Conference Expressions of Interest submissions opened.

Conference Expressions of Interest submissions close.

The winning council will be contacted by ALGWA Vic and notified of

We look forward to receiving your Expressions of Interest!

## • Wednesday, 19 October 2022 The winning council will be announced at the ALGWA Vic Annual Bursary Event. A representative from the council will make a

their success.

• Friday, 30 September 2022

• Thursday, 6 October 2022

the next level.

- presentation on the night.
- National



We can't wait.





