



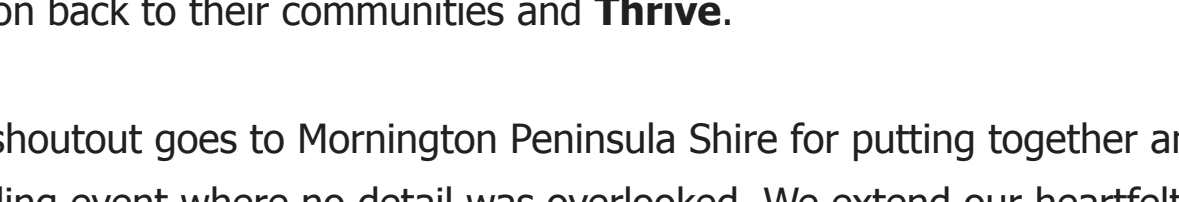
AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

June Newsletter 2023

NATIONAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Brought to you by ALGWA Vic, hosted by Mornington Peninsula Shire

What an amazing 3-day conference!



Where do we begin?

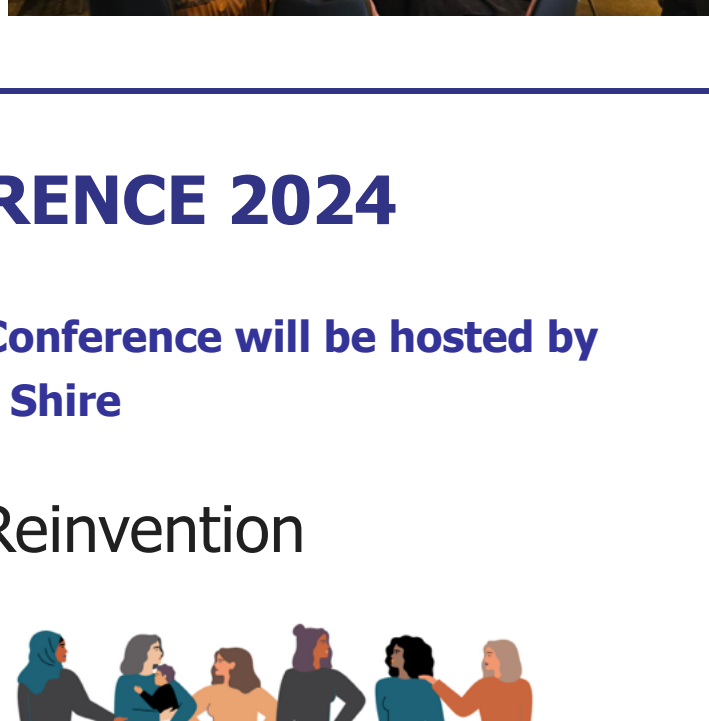
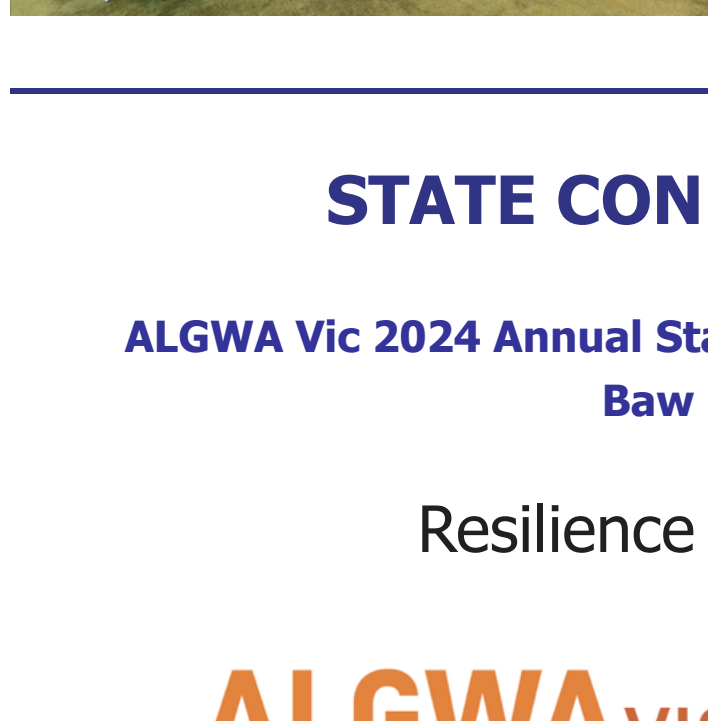
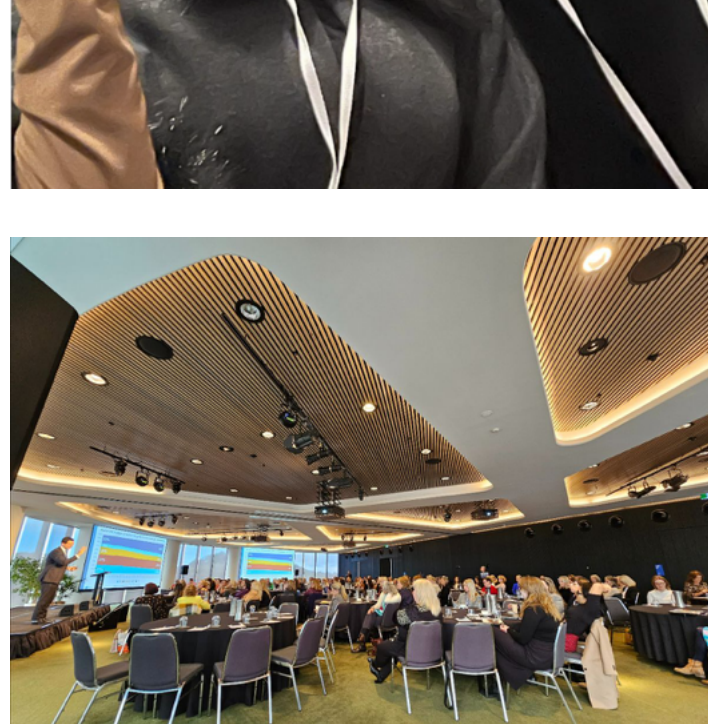
What a fantastic conference we had! The atmosphere was buzzing with energy as delegates from all over Australia gathered to **Connect**, be **Inspired**, and take that motivation back to their communities and **Thrive**.

A huge shoutout goes to Mornington Peninsula Shire for putting together an outstanding event where no detail was overlooked. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Council, CEO, and all the dedicated staff who made this 3-day conference a resounding success.

During the conference, we proudly elected Cr Kylie Spears as the new National President of ALGWA National. The networking opportunities were ceaseless! Additionally, our interns provided invaluable assistance throughout the long days, ensuring a seamless experience for everyone involved.

Our lineup of speakers kept us engaged with their insightful and thought-provoking presentations, challenging us to think differently and inspiring us to reach new heights.

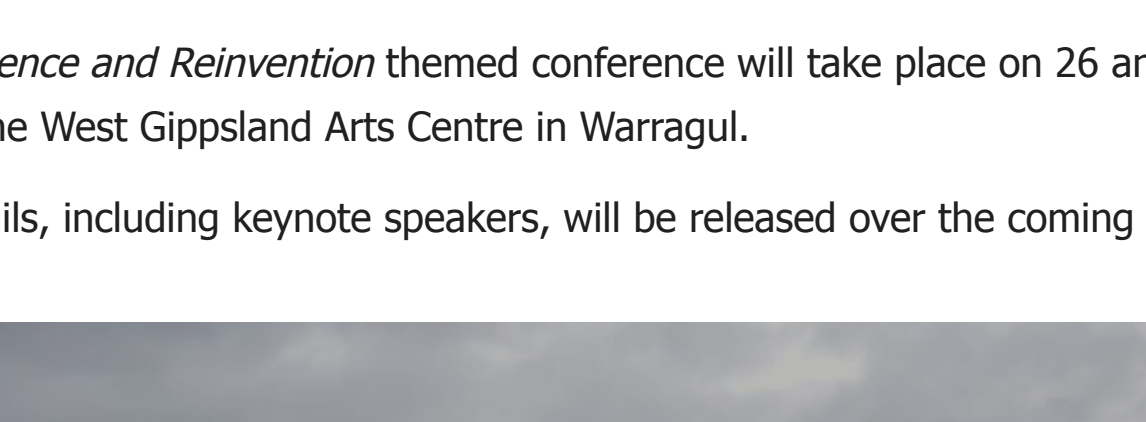
If you want to glimpse the enthusiasm and energy that permeated the conference, follow our social media accounts and connect with us on [LinkedIn](#). There, you'll find firsthand accounts of the connections, inspiration, and thriving that continue beyond the event.



STATE CONFERENCE 2024

ALGWA Vic 2024 Annual State Conference will be hosted by
Baw Baw Shire

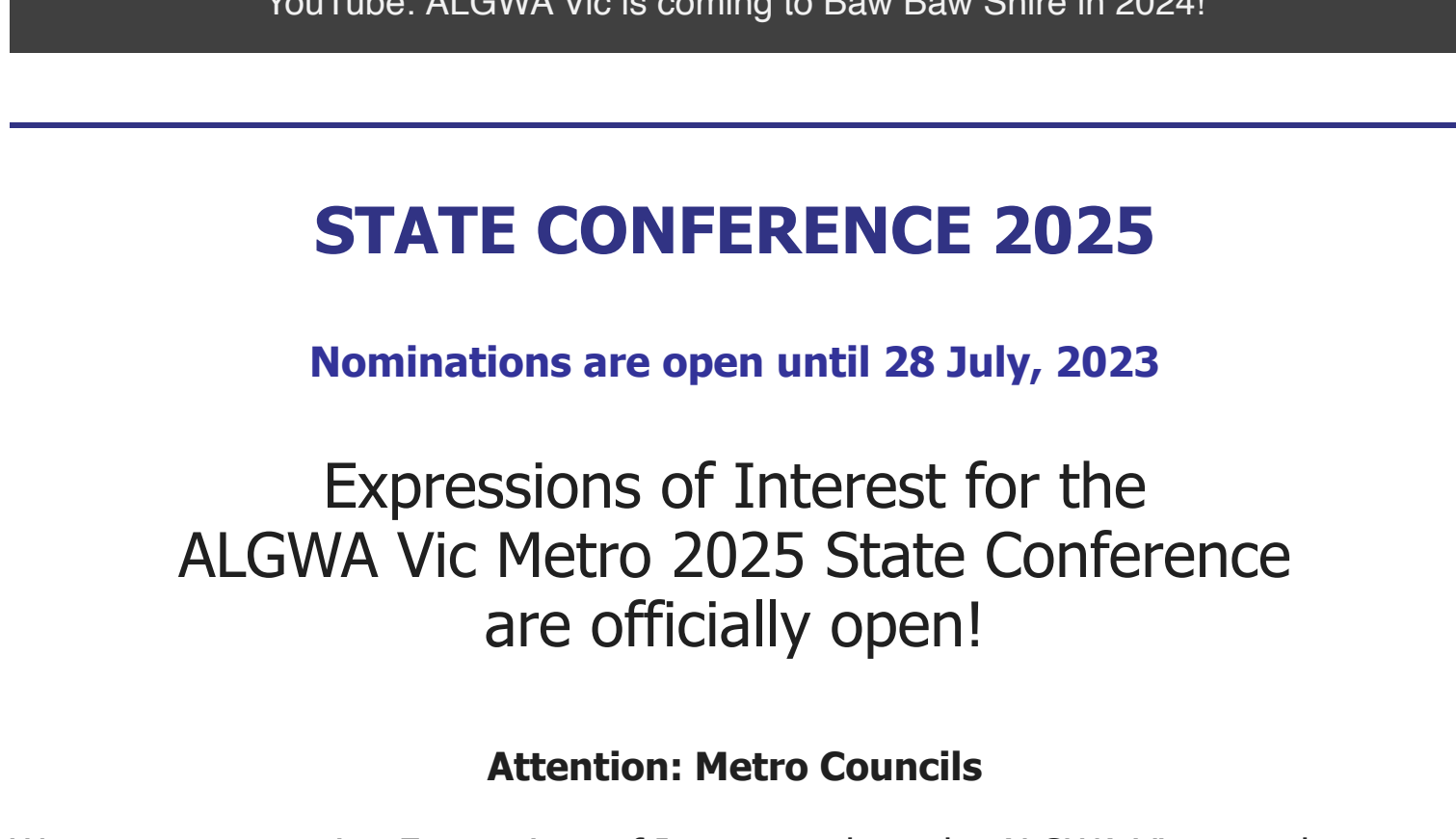
Resilience & Reinvention



[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.



STATE CONFERENCE 2025

Nominations are open until 28 July, 2023

Expressions of Interest for the
ALGWA Vic Metro 2025 State Conference
are officially open!

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](#)

ALGWA VIC 2023 BURSARY AWARDS

Nominations for the ALGWA Vic 2023 Bursary Awards are open

ALGWA Vic is committed to promoting career advancement for women in the local government sector through study

This award is open to all women officers studying to further their careers in local government, and their council is a paid member of ALGWA Vic for 2023/2024. Memberships are renewed on 1 July each year.

Key 2023 Bursary Award dates:

- **Thursday, 18 May 2023**
Bursary Award nominations open
- **Monday, 19 June 2023**
Nominations close at 11:59 pm
- **Friday, 30 June 2023**
Bursary Award judges return their assessments for endorsement by the ALGWA Vic Executive Committee
- **Tuesday, 11 July 2023**
Finalists are notified
- **Wednesday, 30 August 2023**
Bursary Award Event at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium, and the winner is announced

[Start your Bursary Nomination here](#)

2023 ALGWA VIC BURSARY AWARD NIGHT

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 on this evening. Featuring keynote speaker, Nadine Russell, this is sure to be an evening you'll remember.

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

JUNE ONLINE FORUM

Thursday 22nd June @ 7pm AEST

Networking - staying connected and supported

It's good to check in on one another from time to time.

Come along to hear about what's working, suggestions on arising issues, and just connect with others from the local government world.

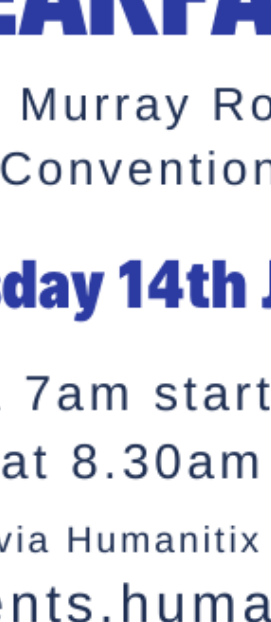
No question is silly, and there is always someone who'll be happy to guide you through the situation.

[Book now to stay connected](#)

ALGWA NATIONAL BREAKFAST

Wednesday 14th June @ 7am AEST in Canberra

Going to ALGA? Don't forget to book



**AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION**
with special guest speaker
Professor Michelle Ryan,
Director of the Global
Institute for Women's
Leadership

ANNUAL NETWORKING BREAKFAST

At the Murray Room,
National Convention Centre

Wednesday 14th June
6.45 for a 7am start finishing
at 8.30am

Bookings via Humanitix website:
[https://events.humanitix.com/
networking-breakfast-
k4uu80u8](https://events.humanitix.com/networking-breakfast-k4uu80u8)

Members: \$95; Non-Members \$100
Enquires: Coral Ross AM
treasurer@algwa.net.au

[Book for the National Breakfast in Canberra](#)

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

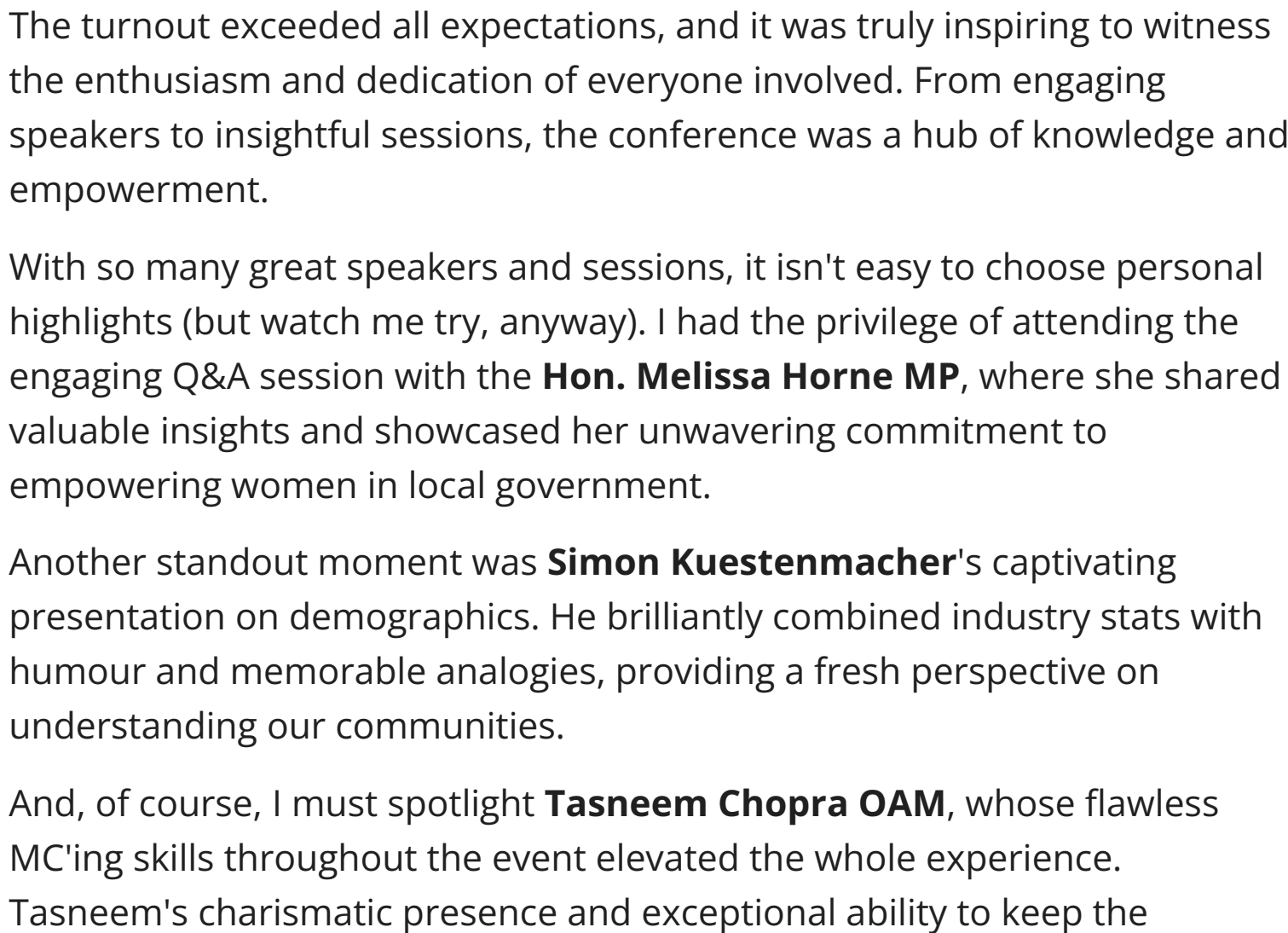
ALGWA Vic loves hearing from our graduate interns,
who continue to support the work we do

Hello ALGWA Vic members,

I'm Carri, and I am delighted to share my incredible volunteering experience at this year's ALGWA National Conference at RACV Cape Schanck.

As a proud intern-turned-volunteer for ALGWA Vic, I was honoured to contribute to the conference's success for the third consecutive year.

In the spirit of National Volunteer Week, I invite you to read about my experience volunteering at the conference on Rail Projects Victoria's intranet article. [Click here to access the article](#) and learn more about the impactful work of dedicated interns and volunteers.



Carri, Bianca and Wabbi (left to right)

Now, onto my 2023 Conference experience!

The turnout exceeded all expectations, and it was truly inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of everyone involved. From engaging speakers to insightful sessions, the conference was a hub of knowledge and empowerment.

With so many great speakers and sessions, it isn't easy to choose personal highlights (but watch me try, anyway). I had the privilege of attending the engaging Q&A session with the **Hon. Melissa Horne MP**, where she shared valuable insights and showcased her unwavering commitment to empowering women in local government.

Another standout moment was **Simon Kuestenmacher's** captivating presentation on demographics. He brilliantly combined industry stats with humour and memorable analogies, providing a fresh perspective on understanding our communities.

And, of course, I must spotlight **Tasneem Chopra OAM**, whose flawless MC'ing skills throughout the event elevated the whole experience. Tasneem's charismatic presence and exceptional ability to keep the conference flowing ensured that attendees were engaged and inspired from start to finish. Her invaluable contribution as the MC was pivotal to the conference's success.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the incredible attendees, inspiring speakers, supportive sponsors, and fellow volunteers for making the ALGWA National Conference 2023 an unforgettable experience. Your enthusiasm, insights, and unwavering commitment to promoting gender equality and empowering women in local government have set the stage for positive change.

Our voices matter, and our actions create a meaningful and lasting impact.

Until we reconvene at the next ALGWA Vic conference, let us cherish the memories we have made, celebrate our achievements, and forge ahead with renewed determination to build a brighter future for all.

Thank you for being part of the ALGWA Vic community, and I look forward to reconnecting at our next conference.

Best wishes,

Carri Halloway

