

Australian Local Government Women's Association National President elected

At the 2009 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Biennial Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Adelaide, ALGWA NSW Branch Delegate Darriea Turley was elected as National President.

Ms Turley is a former Councillor and Deputy Mayor on the Broken Hill City Council, current Chair of the National Rural Women's Coalition Alliance a member of the NSW Premier's Women's Council and has been a member of the ALGWA National Executive since 2004.

The National Executive office bearers and Committee elected for the 2009-2010 term include:-

Cr Janet Davidson JP Vice President (WA) , Fiona Barr Secretary (SA), Cr Judy Peters Treasurer (Qld), Cr Cheryl Fuller (Tas), Alderman Jo Sangster (NT) and Kaele Way JP (Vic).



A Note From the President

My congratulations to Kristina Barnett, President ALGWA, South Australian Branch and her hard working coordinating committee for such a successful national conference. The 2009 conference, themed "Taking Up The Challenge" was held in Adelaide from 15th to 17th April.

Local Government women came together from all parts of Australia many of them for their first Conference. Networks were formed, and women came away motivated and enthused by the speakers including Senator Claire Moore who is a great advocate for women in local government.

ALGWA is providing leadership for all women in local government and it is the work of our former president Kaele Way, who served tirelessly as President for the last four years that has strategically positioned our organisation for the 'Year of Women in Local Government'. On behalf of our members I would like to thank Kaele who is a champion for our organisation.

I ask all members to start planning for 2010 the Year of Women in Local Government and I look forward to the developing of new partnerships to ensure the successful implementation of the Way Forward and 50:50 Vision for Gender Equity.

Darriea Turley

National President

ALGWA funding welcomed

The Hon Anthony Albanese announces important funding and support for ALGWA projects.

Infrastructure and Local Government Minister, Anthony Albanese, has announced that the Australian Government will contribute \$21,000 over three years to the Australian Local Government Women's Association to assist with ALGWA's Gender Equity in Local Government projects.

The funding will assist with the implementation of The Way Forward project and the development of mentoring networks to support women's participation in Local Government.

The Department of Infrastructure has announced that Ms Lyn Koletti Assistant Director, Local Government Policy and Finance Branch will represent the department on ALGWA's fourteen member National Steering Committee overseeing the implementation of The Way Forward.

ALGWA is most grateful for the support for its ongoing project and the contribution of \$2000 for the ALGWA Biennial Conference support received from the Australian Government.

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ALGWA's New Branch Presidents



At the Tasmanian Branch Annual General Meeting, Cr Helen Scott OAM retired as State President and Cr Cheryl Fuller was elected to the role. Cr Fuller is a Councillor on the Central Coast Council and had previously served as State Secretary. The newly elected State Secretary is Alwyn Friedersdorff. The Tasmanian Branch activities and membership details are available from the web site: www.algwatas.asn.au



Alderman Jo Sangster was elected as President of the Northern Territory Branch and Alderman Helen Galton concluded a two year term. The Committee includes Councillor Donna Iddon, West Arnhem Shire Vice President, Alderman Helen Galton, Darwin City Council Secretary, Vicki Wright Council Biz, Treasurer and Alderman Kerry Moir Darwin City Council and the LGANT President, Committee Member. Contact details for the ALGWA NT Branch can be found on the National web site. www.algwa.net.au



At the NSW Branch Conference and AGM held in Queanbeyan on the 20th March former Branch Secretary Cr Karen McKeown was elected State President. Cr McKeown is a Councillor on the Penrith Council and a long time member of ALGWA. NSW Committee members for the 2009-2010 term are: - Cr Fiona Rossiter Country Vice President, Vice President, Cr Julie Griffiths City Vice President, Cr Jennifer Lecky, Treasurer, Christine Jeffreys Secretary and Executive members Fadwa Kebbe, Jackie Greenow, Bev Spearpoint, Denise Wilton, Darriea Turley and Cr Vicky Scott, Contact details for the ALGWA NSW Branch and a list of activities and events can be found on web site www.algwa.org.au

Life Membership Awarded to Cr Jean Wise

At the Victorian Branch Annual General Meeting held in conjunction with the State Conference in March, Cr Jean Wise was awarded Life Membership from the State Branch. Cr Wise has served as State and National Treasurer and Public Officer of the Association since 2003.

In presenting the Life Membership, National President Kaele Way (pictured) praised Cr Wise's contribution to ALGWA acknowledging the important responsibilities of the Treasurer over the past four years and the significant work required in the administering of Federal Government grants and sponsorship funding. Cr Wise continues to serve on the Victorian Branch as Rural Vice President.



ALGWA's 50:50 Vision launched at Biennial Conference

The 50:50 Vision A National Program for Gender Equity in Local Government was launched at the Lord Mayor's welcome reception at the commencement of the 2009 Biennial National Conference held in Adelaide from the 15th-17th April. The report emphasises ALGWA's goal to increase the participation of women in Australian local government so that Councils more accurately reflect their communities.

The 50:50 Vision report launches a range of initiatives that ALGWA has identified as a decade long program to advance gender equity in local government. Activities and actions to be undertaken include the support and participation in the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) initiative to declare 2010 the Year of Women in Local Government, the continuation of the ALGWA National Steering Committee to guide the implementation of The Way Forward and the introduction of an accreditation and awards program comprising a self assessment checklist to enable Councils to measure their progress in implementing the strategies in the National Framework for Women in Local Government - The Way Forward.

The 50:50 Vision A National Program for Gender Equity in Local Government is available to download on ALGWA web site www.algwa.net.au.