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April Newsletter 2022

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.



There are various interesting initiatives being undertaken across the states as well as stories that make you realise we are incredibly fortunate, to be

able to make a difference in the lives of our communities. One of our fellow

Councillors who inspired us all was Shirley Garlett, Councillor for Timber

Creek ward in NT - Timber Creek is located 286km southwest of Katherine

along the Victoria Highway and is 195km east of the Western Australian

border along the same highway. Shirley was first elected in 2017 and then again in 2021. This was the first conference outside of her state that she had ever been to. It had taken her 2 days of travel just to get here. We all knew, not only that she really wanted to be here, but also that she really wanted to connect with other women in local government. The stories and experiences we all shared were amazing and I am grateful for all the learnings I have taken away.

Our State conference is now open for bookings and we can't wait to see you all and reconnect in Shepparton in June. Warm regards,

ALGWA Vic President

Cr Kylie Spears

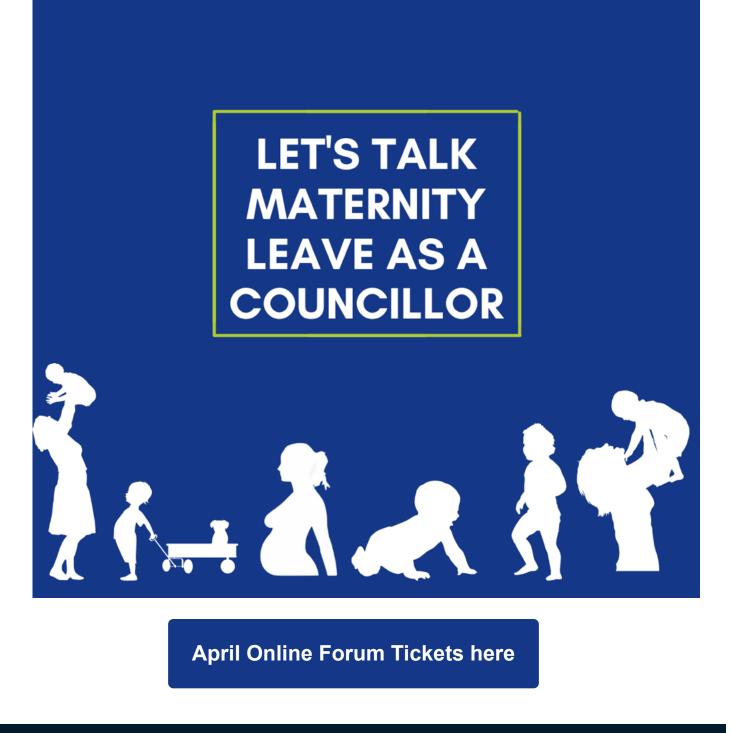
Join an open conversation about the challenges of becoming pregnant

Thursday 28 April 2022 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

April Online Forum

whilst in an elected role. This online forum is about starting a

conversation about an issue that is relevant as more women become elected whilst in childbearing age.





Tickets are out now for the 2022 ALGWA Victoria Conference in Greater Shepparton Sunday 5 and Monday 6 June, go to,

bird tickets today! This year we will be *Emerging Creatively* and invite you to join ALGWA Vic

and Greater Shepparton City Council for a conference reflecting on the

www.visitshepparton.com.au/algwa-vic-conference-2022 to secure early

challenges and opportunities which have arisen from the past year. Already booked your ticket? Make the trip easier, book your accommodation and extend your stay. Greater Shepparton has a number of unique places to stay. There's a diverse range of hotel and motels,

comfortable self-contained accommodation, all relaxing and secure

locations to suit all lifestyles. Find out

more www.visitshepparton.com.au/stay

ALGWA Vic Cultural Project Submission

As promised ALGWA Vic has submitted a submission to the State

membership. The Culture Project has an objective, 'to make local

councils by 2025.'

Government's Local Government Culture Project with input from its

government a safer space for women and to encourage more women to

 Respectful relationships training Consistent template for Codes of Conduct across all councils

nominate for election as the Government aims to reach gender parity in local

councils We feel strongly that the review panel should examine the 'Set the

Standard: Report of the Independent Review into Commonwealth

those environments, are prevalent in local government.

Parliamentary Workplaces' by Commissioner Kate Jenkins, as many of the

structural and systemic barriers to women's participation and safety in

- Extending ALGWA Vic's award-winning Mentoring Program Focus on 'continuous improvement' not just 'corrective action' Mandatory candidate training to be overhauled, modular and to begin sooner in the election cycle o Equitable training and professional development budgets across all
- Read the submission here

Who is joining the Intern Team?

Commencing 23rd March 2022

