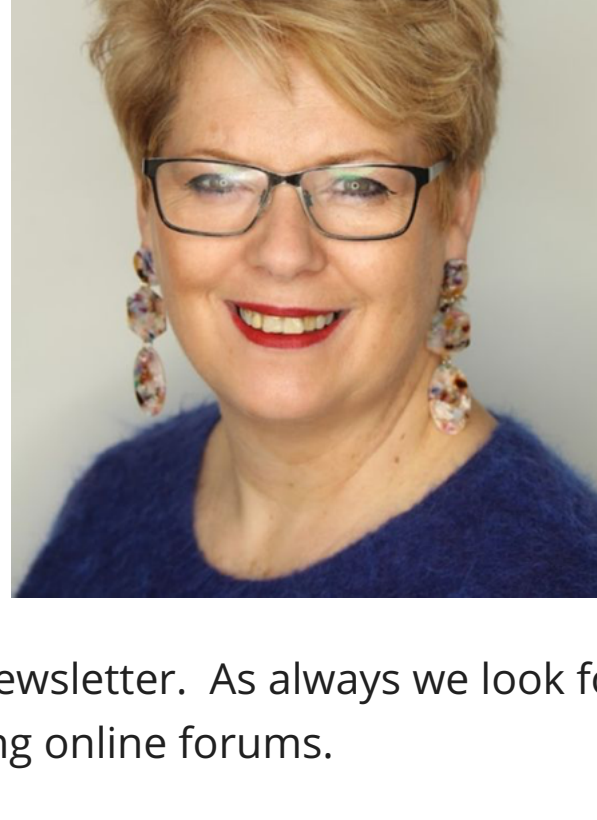




## AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

### August Newsletter 2021

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.



Another jam packed newsletter. As always we look forward to seeing you at one of our up coming online forums.

Warm regards,  
Mayor Kylie Spears  
ALGWA Vic President

### August Events: Online Forum Series

#### Mentors Reflection Time - Online Forum

Thursday 5 August 7:00pm - 8:15pm

Invitations have gone out to those who are our wonderful and inspiring mentors! just a reminder to book using the invitation link. Contact [admin@algwa.com.au](mailto:admin@algwa.com.au) if you did not receive it and we will get you booked in. Mentee reflection is in Sept.



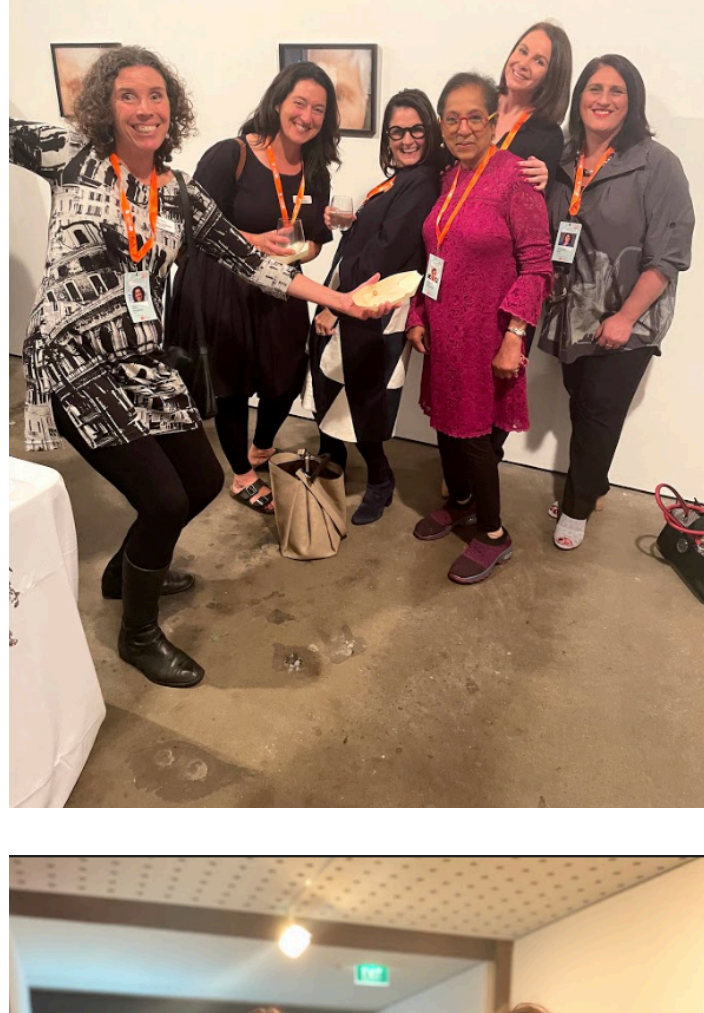
### Dedicated Networking - Online Forum

Wednesday 12, Aug 7:00pm - 8:00pm

The importance of networking is no longer underestimated. There is always something to be learnt and money can't buy the knowledge that sits amongst us. We all have something wonderful to share, so let's create a place and space (virtually) to come together.

We appreciate that having times like this allows all our members across the state to engage with one another. Every time we come away feeling positive, refreshed and a sense of contributing to something much bigger than our own municipalities.

Join us.. each month we will be hosting these events and the feedback tell us, there is a need.



[Click the link to book](#)


### How To Prevent The Irreconcilable And Inevitable Outcomes - Online Forum

Wednesday 25 August, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### How to prevent the irreconcilable and inevitable outcomes

Join our online forum with Lydia Wilson, a experienced past CEO in local government and now one of three Administrators at Whittlesea council, to learn about strategies on a healthy governing council and how to create a culture of respectful relationship.

Wednesday 25 August, 7pm-8pm  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSZCR>



Councillor relationships with each other and the organisation are good when they are good but can be disastrous when things are not so good or go pear-shaped. What do we need to do to ensure that things do not become irreconcilable and bring it back to governing well? It's a challenge. Focus on all you can to create a culture of respectful relationships. Easier said than done. Here is one packed hour to look at this and talk strategies on a healthy governing council. Lydia Wilson understands this all first hand. An experienced past CEO in local government and now one of three Administrators at Whittlesea council.

Wow! This will be one very interesting discussion.

[Click link to book](#)

### Host the next ALGWA Vic Conference

**Last chance to submit your EO!**

SUBMIT YOUR  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
FOR THE NEXT  
ALGWA VIC CONFERENCE  
TODAY!

## HOST OUR NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Getting involved with us is easy.



[Download Conference EO!](#)

**Expressions of interest to host the next ALGWA Vic conference are CLOSING THIS MONTH.**

Our major event each year is our annual ALGWA Vic conference. We're very excited to announce that we're accepting expressions of interest for your council to potentially host our future conferences.

- 2022 is open to rural-based councils
- 2023 is open to metro-based councils

We're planning ahead, so jump on board and submit your council's expression of interest form today! [Download the info booklet here, inclusive of the EO form.](#) You'll find all the information you need about running one of our annual conferences here. We'd love to hear what ideas you and your team have for our next conferences.

Questions? Contact our Executive Officer, Cr Michelle Kleinert, at [admin@algwa.com.au](mailto:admin@algwa.com.au)

**Submissions close on August 18, 2021.**

*The deadline is just around the corner, so get your EO in ASAP!*

### ALGWA Vic Internship Program Updates



Hello everyone! My name is Michelle and I am a third-year university student studying a Bachelor of Law and Arts at Deakin University. One of my potential career focuses is to build my career to be a lawyer in the public sector. I am a member of the Glen Eira City Council and this internship gives me a fantastic opportunity to learn about women in local government.

I am extremely excited to be joining the internship program because it will be a valuable experience to be exposed to so many opportunities and allows me to grow my interests into female empowerment and gender equality. Undertaking the internship program has been very inspiring because it showcases the importance of women being present in local government.

Being an intern at ALGWA Vic has allowed me to expand my skills which will be a significant advantage for my future career prospects and working alongside Cr Michelle Kleinert has been a great pleasure. I am looking forward to the months ahead and am extremely grateful to be an intern at ALGWA Vic.

