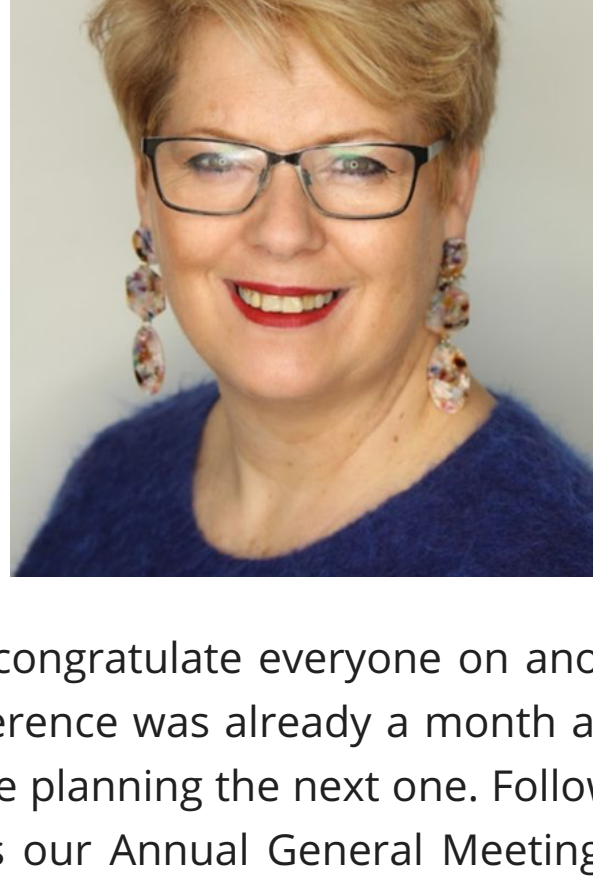




AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

June 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.



Firstly I would like to congratulate everyone on another successful Annual Conference. The conference was already a month ago, and people are still talking about it and are planning the next one. Following the success of this years conference, was our Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank everybody who attended this year, It was wonderful to see so many people gathered online. We had around 50 members join in what was a very successful and efficient meeting.

We're especially looking forward to continuing the work that we are doing in our mentoring programs. We would like to hear more feedback about our mentoring programs so that we can effectively support and assist all your needs within local government.

I really encourage everyone to come along to our Churchill Fellowship Breakfast this month, where we'll be hearing from Coral Ross, who will be sharing all of her latest research. More information on Corals studies will be provided in the newsletter below. Sandra Wilson has also undertaken research surrounding retiring counsellors, so keep an eye out when that report is released as well.

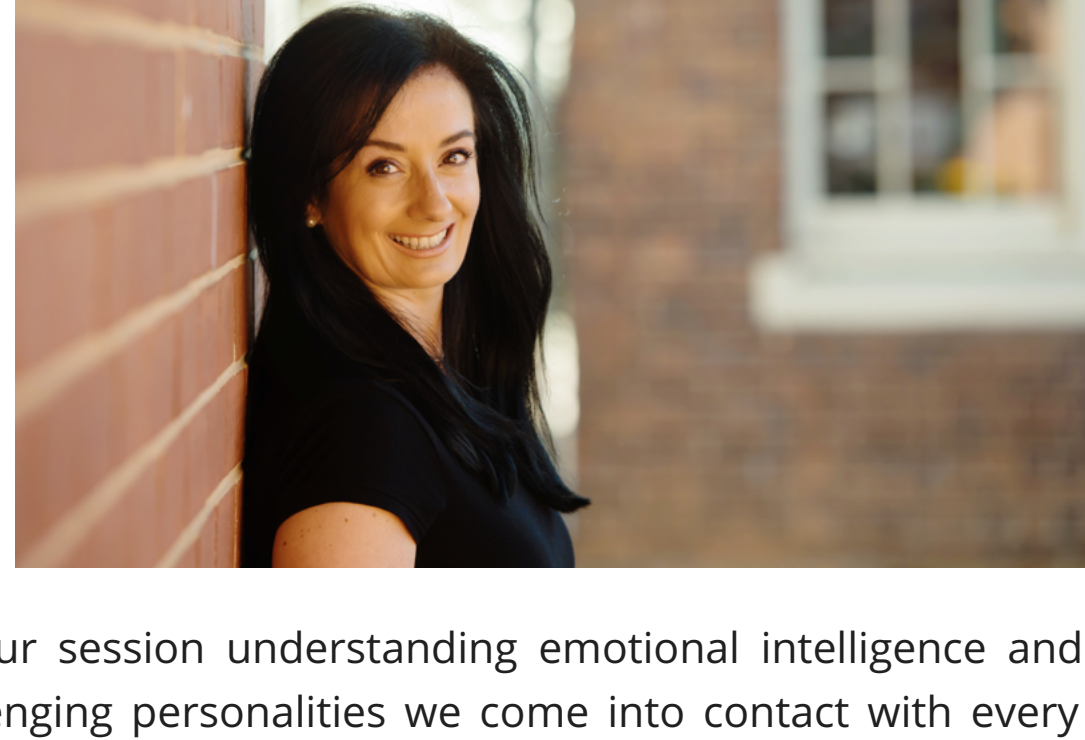
Bursary Award nominations for 2021 candidates are still open and we encourage you to continue nominating your fellow councillors.

In addition, If you've got any thoughts or ideas for us about things that you might like us to look at please come back to us we are really keen to hear from all of our members and to know how you're going and how you're tracking along.

Warm regards,
Mayor Kylie Spears
ALGWA Vic President

Monday 7 June 7pm - 8pm Online Forum Series

Speaker: Executive Officer ALGWA Vic,
Cr Michelle Kleinert



A one-hour session understanding emotional intelligence and navigating the challenging personalities we come into contact with every day within our roles as councillors and in the workplace. Michelle has facilitated emotional intelligence to the corporate world for the last 10 years and has translated these skills to assist councillors in their role.

Practical tips to take away with you in this session.

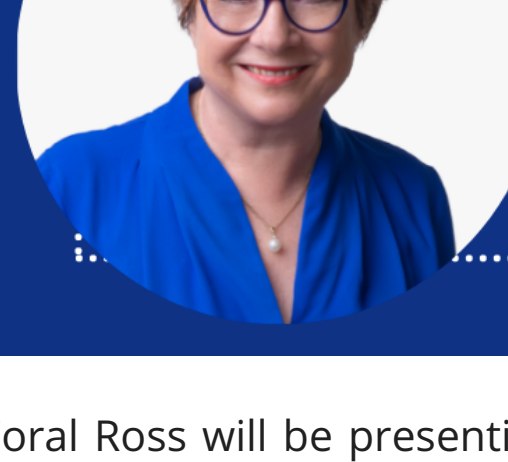
This forum is open to all members. A FREE Event

[To register and get your link](#)

Churchill Fellowship World First Research

8am-9:30am, Thursday 22 July
Deakin Downtown, CBD

How to improve gender equality in local government



Presented by Coral Ross
Coral received the Churchill Memorial Trust in 2018, using it to research more than 50 overseas initiative across Canada, Sweden, Germany, the UK & USA. She has over 30 recommendations to share on how to improve gender equality in local government.

Coral Ross will be presenting the World First Research on how to improve gender equality in local government. This presentation will be accompanied by a light breakfast. There are limited spots available, click the link below to secure your spot now.

[Click link to book!](#)

2021 Annual Bursary Award Nominations

Our 2021 Annual Bursary Award nominations are still open! Don't miss out on an opportunity to further your education and career within local government!

In 1989, under the leadership of then-President Pam Robinson OAM, ALGWA Vic established an Annual Bursary Award to encourage and assist women in the local government sector to further their education. Since then, the prize has been awarded to 28 women from member councils all across metro and regional Victoria.

Nominations are open to any female employee of a council member of ALGWA Vic. The successful nominee will be awarded \$1750 toward furthering their education. To nominate please fill out the nomination form on our [website](#) and email it to Admin@algwa.com along with a recommendation letter from your council employer.



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Nominations for our 2021 Bursary Award are Still Open!

Nominations close on the 12th of July

"I believe this award provides not only an opportunity, but encouragement for those who are looking to continue to progress within the sector and further educate themselves"

- Danielle Pepyat – City of Maroondah, 2020 ALGWA Vic Annual Bursary Award Winner

Nominate for our Annual Bursary Award and help further your career in local government !

[Nominate Here!](#)

Mental Health/First Aid Course



JULY SESSIONS

Mental Health First Aid Course

Are you interested in learning how to provide support and assist someone experiencing a mental health crisis? Then sign up for the Mental Health/First Aid course delivered by the Mental Health Foundation Australia!

Through this course, you will develop the skills to help provide initial support to adults who are developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis and receive your **Mental Health First Aid Certificate**.

There are two sessions available. Session 1 is on the 12th-13th of July 2021, and session 2 is on the 29th-30th July 2021. Sessions are limited to 25 persons per **two-day course**. The discounted rate for all our members including council officers and partner organisations is **\$149.00 per person**.

For more information follow the link below.

[Click the link to Book](#)

Where will the 2022 State Conference be hold?

Host the next ALGWA Vic Conference

About Membership



[Download Conference EO!](#)

We're currently accepting expressions of interest to host the next ALGWA Vic conference.

Our major event each year is our annual ALGWA Vic conference. We're very excited to announce that we're opening up 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. This is open to all member councils to apply.

Questions? Contact our Executive Officer, Michelle Kleinert, at admin@algwa.com.au.

Submissions close August 18, 2021.

Membership 2021/2022

Membership renewals are due July 1 of every year.

If you have not yet become a member of ALGWA Vic, we welcome your support for the work we do.

There are two memberships.

A council membership entitles council officers to access the annual Bursary Award, express interest in hosting conferences and discounts to all events and training courses we offer through third parties. As an example, if a council is a council member then all staff can access the mental health first aid course at the ALGWA Vic price. They don't have to be an individual member. In accordance with the Gender Equality Act 2020, councils must consider gender equality in their workforce, policies, and services. By joining ALGWA Vic, member councils demonstrate a commitment to supporting women in local government.

Organisations that want to participate with what we do and become a member.

An individual membership, is for individuals including councillors which entitles them access to events, training courses and funded programs at discounted prices, as an example our mentoring program. Only individual members are able to nominate for a position on the executive committee and have voting rights. We run numerous events and our conference takes 100's or hours to coordinate.

Members can contact the office to receive support and guidance. We are accessible 7 days a week via email or phone. And importantly, we are non-political.

[Join to become a Member Today](#)

Volunteer/Intern Program Updates



Hello! My name is Adriana and I am glad to be currently interning for ALGWA Vic. I am currently studying International Relations & Politics at Deakin University, where my studies focus on human rights and gender equality. Due to this focus, an internship with ALGWA Vic seemed like an amazing opportunity to learn about gender equality in local government and what ALGWA Vic does to support nurture and encourage women.

I'm loving my internship role as it has given me insight into a professional organisation, that is female-led and orientated. This has been a really valuable experience as I am sincerely passionate about gender equity and female empowerment and being able to contribute my skills to ALGWA Vic has been extremely fulfilling and rewarding.

I believe the experience of interning, alongside the skills I am developing, will be extremely beneficial in my future career, and I am grateful for the opportunity to intern with ALGWA Vic. I look forward to the rest of my internship with excitement.

