**ALGWA –VICTORIAN BRANCH.   
2nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE,**

**HELD AT NEWTOWN & CHILWELL CITY HALL   
2ND – 5TH APRIL 1965.**

Extracted from available sources by Cr. Helen Harris OAM, 2012.

Theme: *The role of local government in the community.*

Conference registration £1. Casual attendance 7/- per session. Official dinner £1.15.0. Saturday lunch 12/6.

**Friday 2nd April**The Conference commenced at 8pm with an official opening by the Mayor Cr. Zillah Crawcour. The following speakers then presented:

‘The role of libraries in the community’: Mrs. Vida Horn, Chief librarian, City of Mordialloc; Keith Satchwell, former councillor City of Nunawading; Colin Badger, director of the CAE. The session was chaired by Mrs. D. Stretton, president of the Adult Education Association of Victoria.

**Sat 3rd April**

Panel of women active in local government, (unnamed): ‘the role of local government in the community’.

This was followed by discussion groups for an hour, then reports from discussion groups for another hour.

After lunch, presentations were made to award winners for a schools essay competition on ‘the role of local government’ by Rupert Hamer, Minister of Local Government, followed by a speech from him on ‘The future of local government in Victoria’. This was chaired Miss M. Brennan, shire secretary, Strathfieldsaye.

This was followed by a Plenary summing up session.

A Mayoral Reception and Official dinner was held at the Carlton Hotel that evening.

**Sunday 4th April**Morning until noon; guided lecture tours of the Art Gallery and Regional Library.