**ALGWA –VICTORIAN BRANCH.  
4th ANNUAL CONFERENCE,   
HELD AT WENDOUREE MUNICIPAL CENTRE  
BALLARAT  
14TH - 16TH APRIL 1967.**

Extracted from available sources by Cr. Helen Harris OAM, 2013.

Theme: *Local Government – a challenge and an opportunity.*

Full registration $2.50, student $1.25. Single session 50c and student 25c, luncheon Saturday 85c. dinner Saturday night $3. Accommodation: Block booking arranged for Craig’s Hotel, tariff $5 per person, included breakfast.

**Friday 14th April**

Official evening opening by Shire President Cr W.A. Walton of the Ballarat Shire, assisted by Cr L. Kennedy, Mayor of Ballarat.

At 8.15pm a panel of ALGWA members spoke, chaired by Cr Lillian Turner:

Cr Charis Pelling, Eltham, ‘landscape preservation’.

Cr Frances Hewett, Mayor of Hamilton, ‘cultural activities’.

Mrs. Dulcie Stretton, President Adult Education Association, ‘widening horizons’.

At 10pm supper was served.

**Saturday 15th April**

9.30am Mr. A.T. Evans MLA,’local goverment – the widening influence’, chaired by Cr Zillah Crawcour.

After morning tea, a panel of interstate speakers was chaired by Mrs. May Nelson.

After lunch, there was a continuation of the third session and question time, chaired by Cr Doris Condon. This was followed by a summation and open forum, facilitated by Mrs. Nancy Dobson and Miss Jan Monteith.

At the conclusion of the day’s proceedings, there was a tree planting ceremony, the first time this had occurred. This was followed by sherries and savouries at the Municipal Centre.

The guest speaker at the Official Dinner was Austin MacCallum, city librarian, Central Highlands Regional Library Service.

**Sunday 16th**,

A tour of Ballarat, arranged by the local branch of the National Trust.