**ALGWA – VICTORIAN BRANCH  
 7th ANNUAL CONFERENCE,**

**HELD AT CAMBERWELL CIVIC CENTRE,**

**17th – 19th APRIL 1970**

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

Theme: *Can local governmentt fulfil its role without change?*

Cost: full registration $12.50, partial varied, depending on activity.

**Friday 17th April**

Following a reception, President Cr Zillah Crawcour welcomed everyone, and Cr J.B. Jackson, Mayor of Camberwell, officially opened the Conference.

Rupert Hamer MLA, Minister for Local Government, addressed the title of the conference. Mr. F. Cheffers, Chief Administrator of Camberwell, spoke on change in relation to ‘in its development of civic centres?’ The session was chaired by Cr Dorothy Laver, and was followed by supper.

**Sat 18th April**

The session commenced at 9.30am with Cr Zillah Crawcour giving a history of ALGWA.

Mr. T.H. Woodrow, Chief Librarian,Camberwell/Waverley Cities,

Continued the theme of the conference, looking at library services. The Session was chaired by Cr Bon Fink.

After morning tea, Mr J. Crockett, President Australian Institute of Urban Studies, Vic. Group, continued with ‘In its financial structure?’

He was followed by Mr R.J. McKenzie, City Engineer, Camberwell, who spoke to ‘In its existing shopping centres?’ The Session was chaired by Cr June Baghell.

After lunch, social welfare services was covered by Miss Shirley Ramsay, social worker, Nunawading, Mrs. Arie Coleman, Director Victorian Council of Social Service and Miss Val Douglas, Senior Medical Social Worker, Royal Women’s Hospital, who covered family planning clinics. The Session was chaired by Cr Doris Condon.

Mr E.R. Inglis, secretary Local Government Department spoke on the rating system. The Session was chaired by Cr Esther Poelman.

Following afternoon tea, Cr Jean Manning chaired a discussion and recommendations arising from the Conference, which then closed for the day at 5.15pm

Sherries followed at 6pm, then the Official Dinner, with Guest Speaker Mr. G. Logie-Smith, Musical Director, Scotch College, who asked ‘has local government an ear for music’?

**Sunday 19th April**

ALGWA Secretary Jean Baldwin spoke on promotion and public relations for local government. This was followed by a tree planting ceremony at the Civic Centre, then a bus tour of projects of interest in the city. The Conference concluded with a lunch at the Tower Hotel, Hawthorn.