



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

October 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.



It was so lovely to see a number of you on Zoom over the last month. One of the most positive impacts of Zoom is the ability to include everyone across the state.

We can't wait to announce our Bursary winner this month and hope you can join us on Wednesday 20th October at 4:00pm.

Over the last couple of months, we have reviewed and endorsed our strategic plan for 2021-2024, including our four pillars underpinning our vision and mission.

- Encourage leadership
- Enable the connection of women in local government
- Provide advocacy
- Ensure capability and sustainability

As part of fulfilling our strategic plan objectives, we also reviewed our structure - which you will find further down. It depicts an expression of interest to join us on a number of subcommittees. This includes Finance & Risk, Events & Networking and Advocacy & Governance.

We would love to have you join us to continue collaborating to support women to thrive, connect and excel in local government.

Take care, stay safe and stay strong.

Warm regards,
Kylie

[Download our EOI for subcommittees](#)

October Events: Online Forum Series

Thoughtful Thursdays - Online Forum with Amanda McClaren

Thursday 7th October 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Gender deafness is real. Former Strathbogie Shire Mayor (2016-2020) Amanda Mc Claren will share her insights of being a first-time councillor and Mayor for four years.

Amanda experienced being on the council with other women, who then left within the term only to be replaced by men. When you are the only female on council, the dynamics can be very different, especially in comparison to being in a council that is thoroughly diverse.

How do we address gender deafness in local government? How do we support each other, when our interests don't align, but our voice needs to be heard? Politics aside, how do we create relationships that will result in the best outcomes for our community?

Amanda will also share how local government has created opportunities beyond her term on council.



[Click link to book](#)

ALGWA Vic Bursary Award

Wednesday 20 October 4:00pm - 5:30pm

We warmly invite you to join us for the:

ALGWA VIC 2021 ANNUAL BURSARY AWARD

In 1989, the Victorian Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association, under the leadership of then-President Pam Robinson OAM, established an Annual Bursary Award to encourage and assist women in the local government sector to further their education.

The winner of the award receives \$1,750.

Please join the finalists as we celebrate and announce the winner of the ALGWA Vic 2021 Annual Bursary Award.

"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"

- 2020 ALGWA Vic Annual Bursary Award Winner, Danielle Pepyat

Date: 4pm-5:30pm Wednesday 20th October, 2021 on Zoom

RSVP: Monday 18th October, 2021

Cost: There is no cost to attend this online event

[Click link to book](#)

I am Interested in Being Deputy Mayor Online Forum


Thursday 21 October 7:00pm - 8:00pm



If you've thought about becoming Deputy Mayor but you're still not sure, then this is a great opportunity to get your questions answered and to feel confident about putting yourself forward.

Find out tips, strategies and what's involved in being Deputy Mayor. This is a good time to start equipping yourself with the tools you'll need to fulfil this complex, but undeniably rewarding role!

[Click link to book](#)



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Contact us if you would like to be interviewed.

It takes 10 minutes, it doesn't hurt and it is free!

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Save the Date Networking - Drinks/Christmas

Thursday 25 November 5:30pm - 8:00pm

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Networking - drinks/christmas

We have achieved so much virtually, let's take the opportunity to celebrate our achievements face to face, should restrictions allow.

Thursday November 25
5:30-8:00pm

Venue will be sorted closer to the event.

Tentatively lock in this date



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We are tentatively locking in this date.

