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ALGWA 2016

Hosted by Banyule City Council
Australian Local Government Women's Association
Victorian Branch



Patron: The Honourable Linda Dessau, AM
Governor of Victoria

Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April 2016

The Centre Ivanhoe
275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe



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Day One Program Overview

Thursday 7 April 2016

- 8.30am Registration and coffee**
- 9.00am Conference Opening**
Welcome to country by Mayor Cr Craig Langdon, Banyule City Council
Welcome by Cr Jenny Mulholland, Banyule City Council and Cr Coral Ross, Victorian ALGWA President
- 9.15am Keynote Speaker - The Hon Natalie Hutchins MP**
Victorian Minister for Local Government Industrial Relations and Aboriginal Affairs
- 9.45am Keynote Speaker - Lyn Swinburne – Breast Cancer Network Australia Founder**
Lyn has received numerous awards for her work, including 2006 Australian of the Year finalist, the year she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia. In 2007, Lyn was named Melburnian of the Year.
- 10.35am Morning Tea**
- 11.00am Petra Snelleman – CEO Warringal Private Hospital**
Petra's talk will focus on her experience as the CEO of a major private hospital - Warringal Private.
- 11.30am Nan Caple - Director East Ivanhoe Bendigo Bank and business owner**
Nan's talk highlights the importance of building connections between local government, business and community.
- Noon Lara Reynolds - Paper Doll Image Consultant.**
Making the most of your wardrobe, maximising impact, building confidence and being true to your personality.
- 12.30pm Melissa Crane - 2016 Bursary Winner**
- 12.50pm Lunch**
- 2.00pm Panel session with delegate participation**
How can we attract more women to Local Government? What are the barriers, issues, what is the appeal, what needs to change and how can we sell it more effectively?
Panellists- Samantha Dunn MLC for Eastern Metropolitan Region, Barbara Abley AM, Journalism student Rachael Ward, Year 12 student Grace Britton.
- 3.00pm Joe Manton - Director of the Institute of Access Training Australia & Good Access is Good Business**
Joe will share her insights, experiences and tips for success in the world of local government and beyond.
- 3.30pm Afternoon tea**
- 4.00pm Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) – Michelle Templeton Workforce Capability Manager**
Explanation of preference voting and counting.
- 4.30pm ALGWA AGM**
- 5.00pm ALGWA National AGM**
- 5pm - 6.15pm Free time or Art Deco Tour of The Centre Ivanhoe Building**
- 6.30pm Pre dinner drinks**
- 7.00pm Dinner**
Welcome - Victorian ALGWA President
Keynote Speaker - Dr Sally Cockburn
Dr Sally Cockburn is a GP and health advocate - with a twist - while she practices part time in suburban Melbourne she is also known around Australia as 'Dr Feelgood', a high profile media presenter who champions sensitive issues and demystifies medicine.
- 10.00pm Dinner concludes**

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Day Two Program Overview

Friday 8 April 2016

- 8.45am** **Registration and coffee**
- 9.00am** **Welcome**
Cr Jenny Mulholland, Banyule City Council
- 9.15am** **Keynote Speaker - Amy Mullins, Executive Director of the Women's Leadership Institute of Australia**
Amy will discuss the importance of being a visible leader in a digital and vastly interconnected world. The under representation of female leaders as experts and sources in the news media and what we can do about it and the unique opportunities and challenges for women who aspire to public office.
- 10.00am** **Nicole Waldron – Executive Director, Epworth Hospital**
Nicole will share her journey of building a motivated and engaged team during a significant period of change for Epworth.
- 10.30am** **Morning Tea**
- 11.00am** **Cr Felicity Federico and Fiona Sexton Grass Ceiling Campaign**
Partnerships are the key to our future. Learn about a successful partnership between a metropolitan council and the Leader Newspaper Group.
- 11.30am** **Panel session – Soapbox**
Got an issue you want to raise, a challenge you want to solve or an experience you want to share? The Soapbox will also include tips on running a great election campaign.
A participatory and fun end to the conference sessions!
Panellists- ALGWA members Cr Jenny Mulholland, Cr Barbara Murdoch, Cr Helen Coleman
- 12.15pm** **Close – The Hon David Davis MP Victorian Shadow Minister for Local Government**
- 12.30pm** **Lunch**
- 1.00pm** **Lunch and conference close**



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Key presenters and session speakers



The Hon Natalie Hutchins MP

Victorian Minister for Local Government, Aboriginal Affairs, and Industrial Relations

Natalie's passion for politics is driven by a commitment to equal opportunities, access to good public education, and the importance of job security. First elected in 2010 as the Member of Parliament for Keilor, Natalie was appointed the Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations, Ports, Freight and Logistics. After electoral boundaries were redrawn in 2014, she was elected as the Member for Sydenham, and appointed Minister for Local Government, Aboriginal Affairs, and Industrial Relations.



Lyn Swinburne AM

Breast Cancer Network Australia Founder

Lyn is a prominent women's advocate and long-standing spokesperson on behalf of Australians personally affected by cancer. Following her own diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer, in 1998 Lyn founded Breast Cancer Network Australia, now the peak national breast cancer consumer organisation with more than 110,000 current members. Her hard work and dedication saw her appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2006 and finalist of the 2006 Australian of the Year.



Amy Mullins

Executive Director of the Women's Leadership Institute of Australia

Amy is committed to addressing the imbalance of women in leadership positions in Australia through her role as Executive Director of the Women's Leadership Institute of Australia (WLIA) and Co-Program Director of the Property Male Champions of Change (PMCC). Prior to her role at WLIA, Amy was a manager at Clemenger BBDO. She is also a writer and political commentator, with credits including ABC's *The Drum* and the Guardian Australia, ABC Radio National and SBS World News.



Petra Snelleman

CEO Warringal Private Hospital

Petra has over 35 years' experience in the health sector, having commenced her career as a nurse before moving up the corporate ladder to manage some of Victoria's leading private hospitals. Born and raised in Ivanhoe, Petra is the current CEO of Warringal Private Hospital which has more than 600 staff and 1,000 accredited medical specialists. Recently, she has overseen a major expansion and redevelopment of the hospital, including adding six theatres and 64 private rooms.



The Hon David Davis MP

Victorian Shadow Minister for Planning, Local Government, and Equality

David has been a Liberal member of the Victorian Legislative Council since March 1996, representing East Yarra Province from 1996 to 2006 and the Southern Metropolitan Region from 2006 onwards. David is the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Shadow Minister for Planning, and Shadow Minister for Equality.

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Dr Sally Cockburn
GP and Health Advocate

Sally is a GP and health advocate, practicing part time in suburban Melbourne. She is also known as 'Dr Feelgood', a high profile media presenter who champions sensitive issues and demystifies medicine. Currently hosting *Talking Health* on 3AW, Sally is also a Lifetime Australia Day Ambassador for Victoria. She has served as Chair of Family Planning Victoria, and on the boards of Metropolitan Ambulance Service and VicHealth. Her talk will focus on a finding a healthy balance in our lives.



Nan Caple
Director East Ivanhoe Bendigo Bank and business owner

Nan has always been strongly committed to her local community. Since 1999, she has been involved with the local East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank branches of Bendigo Bank, and is a real advocate for the model that returns profits back into the community. Nan continues to manage her retail business So Swish in East Ivanhoe that she opened in 1989. Her talk highlights the importance of building connections between local government business and community.



Lara Reynolds
Paper Doll Image Consultant

When Lara offers styling advice, it is not just about what you wear, but about getting the most from life and looking after yourself with healthy eating, exercise, and having a positive mindset. She studied styling at Whitehouse Fashion Institute and colour at The Australian Image Company, and has been giving savvy style advice for years. Lara regularly volunteers for the charity Fitted For Work, helping disadvantaged women re-enter the workforce by dressing them for work interviews.



Melissa Crane
2016 Bursary Winner

Winner of the ALGWA Bursary Award 2016, Melissa works as a Senior Planning Officer for Murrindindi Council and is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Management at Swinburne University. She has represented Murrindindi Shire Council in the Local Government Management Association's Management Challenge in 2014 and the LG Pro Emerging Leaders Program in 2014/2015, and has also been chair of the Murrindindi Shire Council Enterprise Bargaining Consultative Committee.



Joe Manton
Director of Institute of Access Training Australia and Good Access is Good Business

Joe has been a leader in the local government sector and private access consultancy sector for almost 30 years. Her work has spanned all council areas including corporate, community and communications as well as the built environment and council governance. Joe is the Director of the Institute of Access Training Australia and is a Fellow of Leadership Victoria. She will share her insights, experiences and tips for success in the world of local government and beyond.

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Nicole Waldron

Executive Director, Epworth Richmond

Nicole joined Epworth Richmond in February 2011 and was appointed Executive Director in March 2014. She has an extensive background in healthcare management across the public and private sectors, including working for Healthscope for 10 years. Nicole will share her journey of building a motivated and engaged team during a significant period of change for Epworth, and talk of the challenges faced, the lessons learnt, and what makes everyone smile.

Michelle Templeton

Victorian Electoral Commission Workforce Capability Manager

As the Workforce Capability Manager, Michelle and her team are responsible for recruiting and training and supporting the VEC's pool of senior election officials and returning officers during state and local government elections. Michelle and her team also develop the reference material used to guide election offices. Michelle's presentation will provide information on the upcoming local government elections, in particular the way preferences work.

Fiona Sexton and Cr Felicity Frederico, ALGWA Metro Representative

Grass Ceiling Campaign

Fiona Sexton, an award winning journalist and a group editor from The Leader Newspaper Group, will be co-presenting the Grass Ceilings Campaign with Cr Felicity Frederico, who is a former mayor and second term councillor at Bayside City Council. Grass Ceilings is a partnership that was developed between Bayside City Council and The Leader Newspaper Group. The campaign highlights the systemic lack of investment in female sporting infrastructure, recognising that this issue will not be fixed by local government alone, and requires investment from both state and federal governments.

Panel speakers

Samantha Dunn MLC

Eastern Metropolitan

Samantha is a Greens member of the Victorian Legislative Council, having represented Eastern Metropolitan Region since 2014. She was previously a Yarra Ranges Shire councillor, representing Lyster Ward from 2005 until her election to the Upper House in 2014. During her time as a local councillor she was president of the VLGA and the Eastern Transport Coalition. Samantha is the Victorian Greens spokesperson for Local Government, Public Transport, Roads and Road Safety, and Forests and Planning.

Cr Jenny Mulholland

Banyule City Council

Cr Jenny Mulholland has represented the Banyule community since 2000, making her the longest serving councillor of the current council. Jenny continues to focus on family values, preserving neighbourhood character by opposing inappropriate development, promoting facility development, and improving services for older people. Jenny has been Banyule's only female mayor, elected in 2003 and again in 2004. Jenny is also a member of ALGWA.

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Barbara Abley AM, CGSJ ALGWA Rural Vice President

Barbara was a City of Greater Geelong councillor from 2001-2012 and holds the honour of being the first female mayor of the City of Greater Geelong Council, and in the history of Geelong City and Town. She served across many portfolio areas, committees and community groups. Barbara was recognised in the 2007 Queens Birthday Honours' List for her service to local government and the community through a range of aged care, disability, health and service organisations. She is an independent Director of G21- an alliance of five municipalities- COGG, Golden Plains, Borough of Queenscliff, Surf Coast Shire and Colac Otway Shire.

Cr Barbara Murdoch ALGWA Rural Member

Cr Barbara Murdoch is in her third consecutive term at Indigo Shire Council. She was first elected in 2005 and was the mayor during 2013-2014. A primary teacher by profession, Barbara has spent most of her working life as an owner-operator of small businesses. A regular on audit and finance committees, she was also part of a development group for the new Good Governance Guide, undertaken by LGPro, MAV and VLGA in 2012.

Cr Helen Coleman ALGWA Metro Vice President

Cr Helen Coleman has been a Nillumbik Shire Councillor since 2004 and is currently the Deputy Mayor; she has previously been Mayor twice. Helen was elected to the MAV Board in 2015..

Cr Coral Ross Victorian ALGWA President

Cr Coral Ross was first elected to Boroondara Council in 2002 and has served continuously ever since; she has been Mayor three times. She was elected to the MAV Board in 2011 and is currently their Metro Vice President. She is completing her second term as Victorian President of ALGWA and was elected National President in 2015.

Rachael Ward Journalist Student, RMIT

Rachael is a journalism student at RMIT, a communications assistant at Mercy Health, and a freelance writer. She is also a member of Truth 4 Youth, Banyule Council's youth blog. In 2015, she was the executive producer of SYN Media's flagship politics show *Represent* and is currently the vice president. Rachael aspires to be a political journalist and continue her Board career.

Grace Britton Year 12 Student, Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg

Grace is a Year 12 student at Our Lady of Mercy College in Heidelberg. She represented her school at the 2014 Banyule Youth Summit and was a driving force behind the implementation of two Summit recommendations: a Q&A forum for young women; and a Life Hacks book for school leavers. She hopes to study International Development at university next year.

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Conference details

The 2016 ALGWA (Australian Local Government Women's Association) Victorian Conference will take place on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April 2016 at The Centre Ivanhoe in the McCubbin and Streeton Rooms, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road Ivanhoe, VIC 3079.

Banyule City Council is hosting the conference on behalf of ALGWA.

Conference enquiries

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Booking information

To book go to: www.trybooking.com/Event/KSDY

Prices

Full conference (incl dinner)	Member \$325	Non Member \$385	Concession \$360
Day one only <small>(does not include dinner)</small>	Member \$145	Non Member \$165	Concession \$155
Day two only	Member \$105	Non Member \$125	Concession \$115
Dinner only	Member \$105	Non Member \$125	Concession \$115

Accommodation option

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