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AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

July 2024 Newsletter

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 respect 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.

A Message From Your President

Mayor Clare Williams



Dear ALGWA Vic Members,

What an exciting month we have planned!

Firstly, I want to express my eagerness for the upcoming July workshop we have planned. One of the highlights from our State Conference was the presentation by the remarkable Dr Louise Mahler. Her insights and expertise inspired and enlightened us all. So don't miss our half-day workshop with Dr Mahler (see the details below).

Reflecting on our achievements, and the success of last year's awards night at Sealife Melbourne, we are keen to build on that momentum this year. This year's Bursary Award nominations have just closed, so stay tuned to what is ahead.

We continue our series of online forums in the lead up to elections, making sure that our speakers assist you, as you consider re-running or finishing your time and moving on from local government. All the details are contained in our newsletter below.

In conclusion, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and enthusiasm. It is your participation and dedication that makes our community vibrant and strong. Let's continue to work together to make this month even more successful and memorable.

Warm regards,

Clare Williams

JULY WORKSHOP: LEAD WITH GRAVITAS

Dr Louise Mahler

Friday, July 19 @ 9:30am - 12:30pm AEST
Manningham Function Centre



Dr Louise Mahler is obsessed with creating exceptional human connection, Louise helps leaders and teams to elevate their body language, voice and divulges the algorithms of engagement.

Her skills in translating and articulating how leaders communicate creates a powerful world-class, incredibly engaging and interactive experience that delegates often say is "life-changing". Join Dr Louise Mahler and learn to 'Lead with Gravitas'.

This is a three-hour, interactive workshop. For the delegates who came to our 2024 State Conference we have listened and heard your cries for more of Louise!

LGPro is the supporting partner and Manningham City Council is our host council.

[Get Your Tickets Here](#)

2024 ALGWA VIC BURSARY AWARD

ALGWA Vic 2024 Bursary Award nominations have now closed.

ALGWA Vic is most thankful for the support of LGPro as the supporting partner and Ventia for being our event sponsor again for 2024.



July Online Networking Forum

Managing Your Messaging
Thursday, July 11 @ 7pm - 8pm AEST

Join ALGWA Vic as we host special guest Karen O'Sullivan; author, journalist and media communications specialist. With the 2024 elections around the corner, this is an opportunity to learn from an expert about the best ways to communicate key messages to target audiences. Karen will explore the partnerships between local council and the media and provide insight into the tips and tricks used when conducting interviews.

Karen O'Sullivan has spent over three decades in the Journalism industry, is a published author who ran her own targeted publicity campaign and now runs a small media communications business.



[Book Your Tickets Here](#)

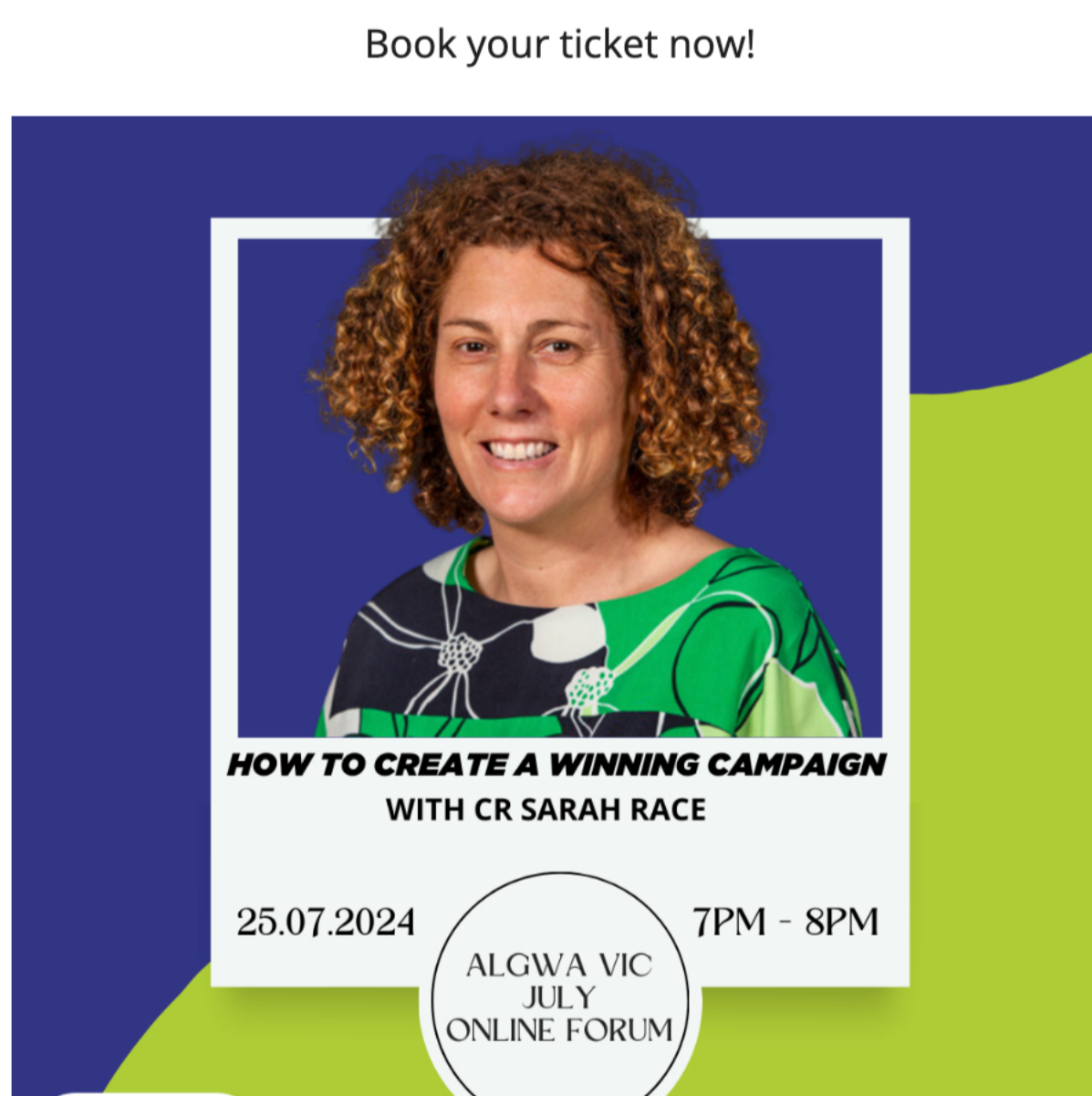
July Online Forum

How to Create a Winning Campaign
Thursday, July 25 @ 7pm - 8pm

Join Mornington Peninsula Councillor, Sarah Race, and learn all about the 5 W's of campaigning... Including how to create an authentic, winning campaign!

Representing the Nepean Ward, Sarah has worked hard to bring the views of her community to the Council table. Sarah's achievements during her time at council include being elected Deputy Mayor in her first year, appointed to the first Gender Equality Advisory Committee and been part of numerous delegate committees focusing on the climate and environment.

Book your ticket now!



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Support 1000 Women to Stand for Council Elections in 2024

The Victorian Government's goal of achieving 50:50 gender representation in local government by 2025 is laudable. Currently, women make up just under 44% of councillors, with significant underrepresentation of young women, First Nations women, women from diverse backgrounds, women with disabilities, and gender diverse individuals.

To meet the goal, a substantial increase in female candidates is needed. The 1000 Women Standing movement, founded in 2021 by volunteer activists, supports this effort. With around 650 councillors to be elected in 2024, about 330 need to be women to achieve parity. Since one-third of women candidates are elected, around 1000 women must run.

To support this, individuals can stand for council, encourage others, organise community activities, promote leadership opportunities, and host forums to discuss gender equality.

[Learn more here](#)

INTERN PROGRAM

Goodbye Amelia!



As my internship with ALGWA Vic comes to an end, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for being given this incredible opportunity. Working with such a dedicated and passionate team has been an immensely rewarding experience, and I am truly grateful for all the guidance and support that has been provided to me.

Throughout my time at ALGWA Vic, I have learned so much about local government and social media engagement, but also the organisation itself, and the talented women within in that enable it to continue to provide support for others. I have been continually inspired by their commitment and enthusiasm that each member of the team brings to their role at ALGWA Vic, and it has been a privilege to contribute to the important projects that ALGWA Vic undertakes.

Thank you for welcoming me with open arms, and for creating an environment where I felt encouraged and supported to learn and grow. The mentorship and feedback that I have received has been instrumental in helping me develop both professionally and personally. I have gained not only skills and knowledge, but also a deep appreciation and respect for the mission and values that drive ALGWA Vic.

I look forward to staying in touch and following the continued success of ALGWA Vic. Thank you again for this wonderful experience.

Amelia Puckering

