**ALGWA –VICTORIAN BRANCH.   
3rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE,**

**HELD AT AUSTRALIA-AMERICA MELBOURNE   
6TH APRIL 1966**Extracted from available sources by Cr. Helen Harris OAM, 2012.

Theme: *The role of local government in the community.*

Conference Registration $2.50; students half price. Single session 50c.

This was a one day conference only, as a National Conference was to be held later in the year in Canberra.

The Conference was opened by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Cr. F. Beaurepaire.

**Speakers**:

‘Health and Hygiene Services in local government’. Cr Janet Cooper, Mayor of South Melbourne.

‘Relationship of the ratepayer and the Council’. Cr Zillah Crawcour, former Mayor of Newtown.

‘Garbage and land reclamation’. Cr Lilian Turner, Mayor of Sebastopol.

‘Why women in local government’ Alderman Mrs Joan Pilone, Sydney City Council.

‘Altona junior council’ a film with commentary by Cr John Ginifer, past president of Shire of Altona, was then shown.

Open forum, audience participation: ‘What can we do to improve local government’.

After lunch, Alan Davies, MA, Reader in political science, University of Melbourne, author of ‘Local government in Victoria’ spoke on ‘Local government – the Past Twenty Years and the Future?’

This was followed by an hour of discussion groups, reports on discussion groups and a Plenary summing up session.

At 5.30pm sherries were served, and at 6.30pm the Official Dinner was held at the Australia America Club, courtesy of Mrs. D. Stretton. It was attended by the Lord Mayor and Mayoress and other distinguished guests.