



**AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION**
VICTORIAN BRANCH

February Newsletter 2021



I hope everybody had a break and a chance to recharge and relax over January.

We have certainly hit the ground running with the first of our Strategic planning days already completed. Thankyou to all of our Executive Committee for the considerable time and dedication being given to ALGWA Vic. I am grateful for their considerable knowledge and commitment and thankful we are able to build on the strong foundations that have been put in place by our past committees.

2021 is shaping up to be as busy and engaging as ever and we know you will think so too.

Our focus for 2021 is the Theme “Culture, Conduct and Retention:” We all want a good culture, we all want to conduct ourselves in a way that exemplifies leadership and we definitely do not want to burn out. ALGWA Vic is excited about the partnerships and opportunities that are ahead this year. We are serious about this theme and keeping it as our focus across the year in 2021.

I encourage you all to put our 2021 Conference dates in your diary now, if you haven't already. Friday April 30th - Saturday May 1st, hosted by the City of Yarra. From all indications, it looks like our Conference will be one of the first events where we can all meet together.

Our Mentoring program has doubled in size due to demand and we thank the State Government for providing further funding to enable this to happen. We look forward to matching our Mentors and Mentees over the coming week and will be in contact with everyone who applied soon after this.

Our intern program for 2021 is underway, so if you know of anyone studying at Swinburne or Deakin who may be interested, please let us know.

Finally, please don't be a stranger, touch base with ALGWA Vic when you have a question or just need an open ear.

Warm regards,

Mayor Kylie Spears

President ALGWA Vic

February's Events Online Forum Series

Lessons Learnt - Online Forum

Thursday 18, Feb 5:30pm - 6:30pm



Lessons learnt from your 2020 Campaign.

This is an online forum to reflect on our 2020 campaign. We should not lose sight of the fact that you nominated for local government during a pandemic was a win in itself. We each learnt a lot about ourselves and what it takes to be a representative of the community. ALGWA Vic is here to start preparing you for 2024 elections. It's never too early to build your stead in your local community. Let's talk about how!

Book Tickets Here

Mentor Training Session - Online Forum

Thursday 18, Feb 7:00pm - 8:30pm



A special training session by Leonie Morgan and Associates, the consultants working with ALGWA Vic for all **mentors** that applied to the 2020 ALGWA Vic Mentor Program.

This is to prepare **mentors** for their matched mentees. Invitations were already sent to Mentors. Should you require to link to be resent, please email

admin@algwa.com.au

Special Guest Marg Attley OAM Online Forum: Balancing the Highs and Lows

Thursday 25, Feb 7:00pm - 8:00pm



This month we will be joined by Marg Attley OAM. Marg is a three-time mayor with 15 years of service to local government at Mansfield Shire until her retirement in 2020. In addition, a former executive committee member of ALGWA Vic, President of the Victorian Local Governance Association and has further sat on the Ministers Advisory Panel.

Marg is passionate about strengthening and building proficiency and collaboration amongst community groups and organisations. We are privileged to have Marg explore the highs and lows of community representative expectations, and additionally how to effectively seek balance whilst undertaking these responsibilities.

We are very fortunate to have Marg share and encourage all ALGWA Vic members to join the discussion. To secure your ticket, click on the link below.

[Book Tickets Here](#)

Conference Update

SAVE the DATE:

Culture, Conduct and Retention: The next 100 years of women in local government.

April 30 - May 1
2021

We are excited to announce that the Yarra City Council will be hosting this year's annual ALGWA Vic Conference. Our theme for 2021 is **Culture, Conduct & Retention**. Preparation for this event is well underway, with bookings to be made available next month. This year's conference will mark a special occasion as we will be given the opportunity to meet together for the first time since being elected. This event will give you the chance to meet and connect with other female local government councillors and further the opportunity to expand your professional networks. Councillor development is essential in preparing you for your role in local government, therefore we believe this to be a wonderful opportunity to mark the beginning of our journey and development together over the next four years.

Bursary Award Nominations Commence in March

If you know an officer in local government who will be commencing study this year or who is currently undertaking studies to further knowledge their career in local government, nominate them for the Bursary Study Award 2021. To find out more information on this study award, click on the link below and download the Bursary Award Brochure.

Nominations for the 2021 Bursary Award will be commence next month.

"I am humble, grateful and honoured to be receiving this award and know it will not only support my expensive studies moving forward but motivate and encourage me" - Danielle Pepyat, 2020 Bursary Award recipient.

[2021 Bursary Award Brochure](#)

Update on our Intern Program



Due to the highly successful nature of our 2020 ALGWA Vic Intern Program, we will be continuing this valuable initiative throughout the next 12 months. Last year we were fortunate enough to welcome seven women into the program at different stages of the year. Six of these interns are now graduate interns who are continuing on their duties on a volunteering capacity.

ALGWA Vic provides a fruitful platform for women to gain valuable experience in local government. We provide professional and beneficial opportunities for our incredible Interns who are passionately exceeding what is needed, to assist us in our efforts to support women in local government.

We have already had numerous young women contacting our office inquiring how they can get involved and be part of the intern program in 2021. We look forward to expanding and developing our intern team in the next several months.

