

Forward we look with ALGWA Vic

ALGWA Vic November edition:

The election is over, the counting is almost complete, and really, it's time to catch your breath before declarations. Then....? Who knows, but our fingers are crossed for everyone.

One of the highlights of October was celebrating Mary Rogers - our State's first female councillor, elected to Richmond Council in 1920. If you have the chance, please take the time to visit the Richmond Town Hall and see the beautiful plaque erected in her honour. You may also like to watch the online unveiling, and hear some fabulous stories from Mary's grandson and great-granddaughter. Thanks to the City of Yarra for their support of this project. Thank you also to Michelle Kleinert, Felicity Fredrico, and Mischa Coleman for their stewarding of this project.

Further thanks to ALGWA Vic life member, Pam Robinson OAM, for her photo of the plaque after its unveiling. See her wonderful photos and words below.

I hope you can join us for the launch of our state government-funded mentoring program on November 12th 2020 with the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shaun Leane MP. Below has the details of all our November online forums and details to book.

This month will be exciting for some and challenging for others. We have loved the connections created and nurtured throughout this year. Whatever the month of November brings you, ALGWA Vic is here to support you and assist you in moving forward.

Warm regards,

Kylie Spears
President

**Pam's visit to see the Mary Rogers plaque at
Yarra City**

Some beautiful words from ALGWA Vic life member, Pam Robinson OAM:

"Having attended the virtual unveiling of the Mary Roger's plaque yesterday, I took a tram this morning to Richmond to see the plaque which is rightly and perfectly placed at a prominent position on the City of Yarra Council building.



What a lovely, lively and clear plaque it is. It really stands out in quality and interest."

"Photograph was taken by a young Richmond resident, a passer-by named April, on her morning run. April is now aware of Mary Rogers and said she will look at the Council website. She works in media and "loves the history of places where she lives".

ALGWA Vic November events

The Election of the Mayor - Info Night:



These are all former Mayors, yet one of the photos above has no chains or robes.

Why?

As you can see from the small selection of photos, each municipality has a slightly different look. So too, does the process of how the Mayor is elected. It's fascinating to learn about how this process is done.

If you are elected, along with the task of getting up to speed on so much, the election of the Mayor is a most important decision.

Let's find out more, and answer your buzzing questions.

Thursday, November 5th 2020, 5:30pm.

To book your tickets for the Election of the Mayor Info Night, click on the link below.

Thursday, November 12th 5:30 pm:

Mentoring Program - What is it? Online forum.

About the program:

Leonie Morgan AM works across Australia and the Asia Pacific. Her focus is mentoring, gender equality and good governance. After co-ordinating ALGWA Vic's successful 2016 new councillor mentoring program, Leonie is now matching new women councillors to experienced councillor mentors for the 2020 ALGWA Vic mentoring program. In 2017 she was awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) for significant services to women.

Welcome to our newest 2020 intern...

ALGWA Vic has a growing team of volunteers and interns who have helped expand our services and support to women across the state with an interest in local government.

Hear from Kate Di Salvatore on her new position with ALGWA Vic.



I currently study Politics and International Relations at Swinburne University. I found an ALGWA Vic internship application and thought it would be a valuable opportunity to work in a community with like-minded women. My role as an intern encompasses member engagement and admin work. This includes designing the strategic plan, collating who the female candidates are for this years election (approx. 850 of them), and soon, who were successful.

Interning at ALGWA Vic is extremely gratifying and exciting - there is never a dull moment!

