



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

January 2021 Newsletter

**President Mayor Kylie Spears
Welcome address for 2021**



2021.. Bring it on! We are sure you are as ready for 2021 as we are. 2020 was a huge year for ALGWA Vic. One of the silver linings of COVID for us was zoom. We were delighted to find out how effective our Online Forums could be

for women across the whole state of Victoria. In addition, we took opportunity to have fortnightly committee meetings to get things done and we believe we have done just that.

The mentoring program has launched with more than double the expression of interests we have previously received. We will not leave a member out and we are working hard with Leonie Morgan and Associates and our subcommittee to match up new councillors with experienced councillors with the training for mentors to take place in Feb and the support to mentees shortly after. We love our program and know it will be driven by the mentee to get what they need, when they need it and get that support from an experienced councillor who understands the current environment we are in. Sincerely, we thank in advance all our mentors who have put up their hands to support another. We are so proud of this program. We believe in its capacity to build one another up.

To all our member councils, the 2021 Bursary Award nominations open March 10, 2021. See the Bursary Brochure below for more information about the award. This annual award is open to all female officers studying in Local Government to further their career pathway. You must be a council member for your staff to access this Award. We absolutely suggest you consider and thank you again in advance to the councils across the state that are members. Please share this newsletter with all your staff.

Now importantly, look in **Friday 30 April/ Saturday 1 May** for our **2021 ALGWA Vic conference** “ *The Next 100 years of Women in Local Government. Culture, Conduct and Retention.* Our conference commences Friday night, followed by a full day conference finishing the Saturday night with a Gala Dinner. More details to come... so watch out for more.

There is so much more to share.... Online forums will re-commence in Feb 2021. The launch of our focused training arm and the continuation of our successful intern program which has been a wonderful support in this last year.

Below are some photos that capture the spirit of our committee and volunteers.

We remain true to our values both internally and externally at ALGWA Vic.

We are **RESPECTFUL, TRUSTWORTHY** and act with **INTEGRITY**
We are **BRAVE, BOLD** and continually strive for **GENDER EQUALITY**
We are **LEADERS** and have **INFLUENCE** in the sector

Please take time in January to refresh, refocus and remember to stay

connected with ALGWA Vic.

Warmest regards,

Mayor Kylie Spears
President ALGWA Vic



Despite the challenges that COVID-19 brought to 2020, ALGWA Vic have persevered with the compassionate help of the executive committee, interns and volunteers who have collectively worked together all year to encourage women who are interested in local government.

We have grown together, been challenged together, and so excited to see what is ahead together with ALGWA Vic.

[Click here for information on the 2021 Bursary Award](#)

Not a member? Join today!

