



## AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**It's July already...and we are ready!**



This month we are celebrating Cr Kylie Spears 100th day as President of ALGWA Vic.

Here is what we have been able to achieve in just 100 days...

### **Talk about hitting the ground running!!**

Our first 100 days have been an exciting and inspiring time, even in the context of Covid-19.

Our committee is a wonderful blend of new and experienced members, all of whom are passionate about women in local government.

So what have we done....

- Fortnightly Zoom Committee meetings
- Introduced online membership payment
- Upgraded membership renewal system
- Relaunched our social media platforms
- Endorsed our first ever State Strategic Plan
- Looked at our Governance:
  - Updated our Social Media Policy
  - Created a Volunteers Policy
  - Created a Finance Policy
  - Created a Volunteer Code of Conduct
- Launched a series of online zoom forums including networking events and guest presenters
- Introduced a 'V-team' with two youthful volunteers
- Induction of our first 2020 Intern
- Commenced regular newsletters
- Completed a State Government grant application for funding #askhertostand #supporthertostand #womenforlocalgovernment
- Commenced our mentoring program for 2020/2021

And agreed this was us going forward...

**“ALGWA (Vic), as the Peak body, is the strong collective voice for local democracy. It is the re-eminent leader in a community of dynamic and passionate women in Local Government.**

**We are committed to our intent of advancing leadership to enhance democracy of all Australians.**

**Our membership, events and promotions, enable women at all levels to stay informed, connected and inspired.**

**We are excited to lead change and create a strong, collective voice of our communities by the bringing together of extraordinary women from across the state.”**

In 100 days, we have achieved quite a lot, but it's nothing compared to what is still to come from us.

Yours Kindly,

President Kylie Spears.

**It's membership renewal time. Join ALGWA Vic today**

## **ALGWA VIC July events**

**Monday, July 6th 12:00 pm:**

"The 6 Advantages of Exceptional Councillors", presented by Andrew Hollo

**About Andrew and this session:**

Andrew Hollo has been engaged as a strategic consultant over the last 20 years with various local governments across Victoria. This has resulted in working with hundreds of Councillors and Officers across this time. In this lunch and learn session, Andrew talks with Cr Michelle Kleinert, ALGWA Vic's Executive Officer, about the 6 characteristics that make the best councillors stand out. His observation is that these 6 characteristics are most commonly found in women rather than men.

**What are these 6 Advantages? See you on Monday to find out!**



**Book Now!**

**Thursday, July 16th 5:30 pm:**

"Cocktails and Campaigning" presented by Cr Janet Pearce, Barb Abley AM CGSJ FACN, Cr Virginia Tachos, Cr Sandra Wilson, Cr Denise Massoud, and Cr Coral Ross.

Hosted by president Cr Kylie Spears, this online forum will ask fellow committee members about networking and their 3 best campaign tips.



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VICTORIAN BRANCH**

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**Monday, July 27th 10:00 am:**

"Morning Coffee with Karen O'Sullivan" In this online forum, Karen will prepare you for when the media calls.

ALGWA is excited to have National Award winning journalist Karen O'Sullivan gear us up to be ready if the media calls you as a candidate on a hot topic. Karen, who is well connected in her community, values the importance of women in leadership roles. We first met Karen when she was a participant at our 2019 Macedon Rangers ALGWA conference because women in local government is essential to good decision making, and Karen understands how the media is looking for exceptional stories.

### About Karen:

Karen has reported for Melbourne radio and television stations, specialising in Medical Reporting for the Seven Network from 2004-2007. Karen now runs her own public relations company KOMS Communications, advising individuals and groups on generating media interest in their business, products or services. Karen lives in country Victoria, has four sons and is committed to working within her local community where she is on the Board of Management at Central Highlands Rural Health, a committee member for the Kyneton and Hanging Rock Race Club and is the former President of the Kyneton Football Netball Club.

Karen is a true advocate to empower women and is a wonderful example of leadership.



**Book Now!**

## Welcome to our 2020 intern



My name is Chantelle Fowler and I'm currently studying a Bachelor of Communications at Deakin University, majoring in Journalism.

I enjoy reading novels from different authors and genres, as well as photography. I use my spare time to write short stories and poems, as writing is the main reason, I decided to pursue Journalism. Oh, and I also love watching F.R.I.E.N.D.S on the daily!

This internship has been one of my highlights of 2020. To be a part of an organisation that focuses on the empowerment and successful leadership of women was what really stood out to me. I am very grateful and excited to be ALGWA Vic's intern for

2020, and to use my skills and passions to assist with ALGWA Vic's goals and missions.

My project is to film female councillors and capture their stories. It will be raw and real to highlight that we can contribute and bring our life experiences and journey to shape our communities at a local government level. I hope you will follow my episodes on ALGWA Vic's Facebook.

**It's now time to renew your membership with ALGWA Vic**

