



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Revved up and Ready for what is ahead



Our amazing group of dynamic women are working really hard to ensure we are supporting as many women as we can in the lead up to the 2020 Elections. If you haven't joined us for one of our online forums, we'd love to see you. You'll see below the focused topics and fantastic range of speakers we have coming up.

This last four months has also seen us revisit and further strengthen our strategic plan. This month we put our value statements under the microscope in the context of our updated vision and mission. Here they are:

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

I hope to see you on a Zoom soon, but in the meantime stay safe, well and connected.

Warm regards

Kylie
President

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ALGWA Vic August events

Wednesday, August 5th 3:00 pm:

ALGWA Victoria 2020 Bursary Award.

About the award:

This Award was due to be announced in March, but due to COVID and the induction of a new ALGWA committee, we are now holding the ceremony via Zoom on Wednesday 5th August. In 1989, the Victorian Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association, under the leadership of then President Pam Robinson OAM, established an Annual Bursary Award to encourage and assist women in the Local Government sector to further their education.

The Bursary Award is open to permanent staff in a Metro or Rural council who are a Council member of ALGWA. The applicant must be currently studying at a Diploma level or higher, at a recognised tertiary institution, on a part-time or full-time basis and must demonstrate an ability to make a positive contribution to their area of employment and to their employer through further tertiary study.

Thursday, August 6th 10:00 am:

"9 weeks, 9 tips on what you need to do to get elected with Ruth McGowan."

About Ruth and this session:

Ruth McGowan is a consultant, speaker, trainer, coach and author.

Ruth provides expert consulting advice on leadership, gender equality, political intelligence, and political campaigning. As a former Mayor, she helped lead her community through the 2009 Black Saturday bushfire disaster. Ruth's leadership and volunteer contribution were honoured with a National Emergency Medal and an Order of Australia Medal.

Ruth has also written Australia's first national campaign guide in 2019. *Get Elected*, a step-by-step campaign guide to winning public office, encourages women and diverse candidates to stand for politics at a local, state, and federal level. Aimed at independent candidates, *Get Elected* equips aspiring candidates, and their supporters, to plan a successful political campaign.

In this session, Ruth will take attendees through tips to securing votes this election based on her successful research.

What are these 9 tips for a better campaign? See you on Thursday to find out!



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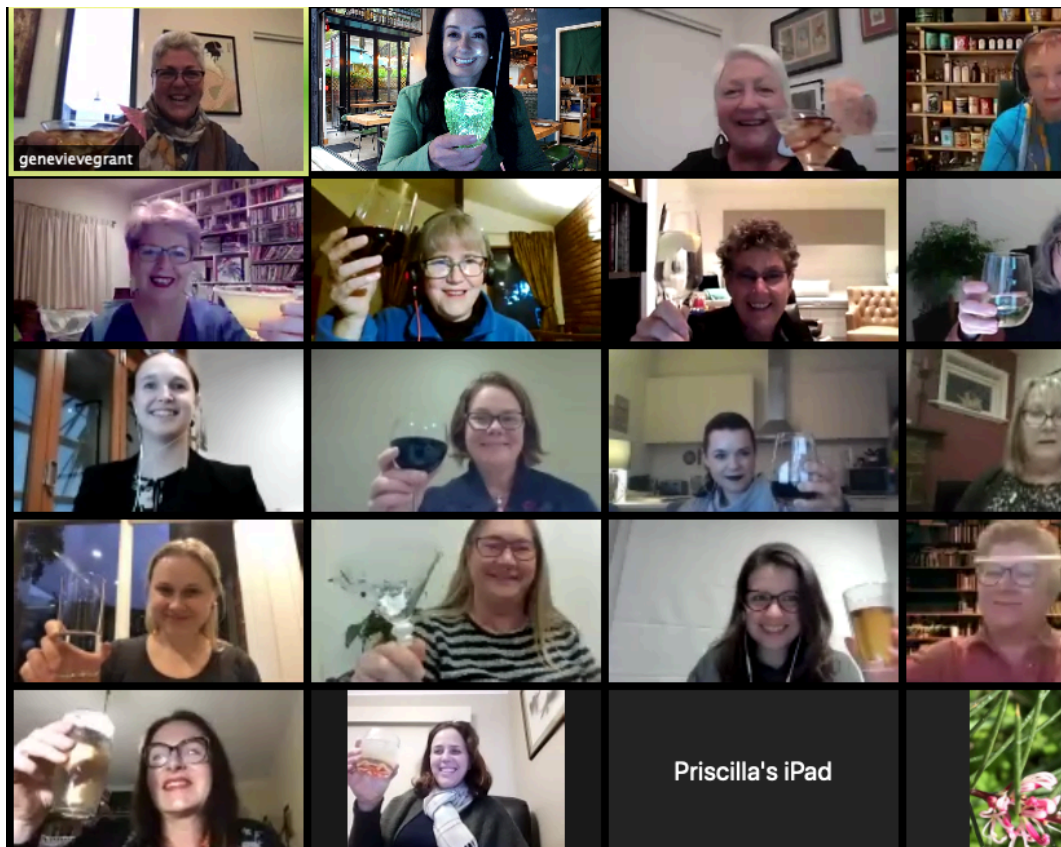
Thursday, August 20th 5:30 pm:

Cocktails and Campaign with "Bring your questions," with ALGWA Victoria.

About this session:

As you are getting prepared for the upcoming elections with lots of information coming your way, you will have lots of questions. Join our Cocktails and Campaign Online Forum with your cocktail of choice and your questions ready. A great time to network, encourage and refresh as we grow together in this very new style of campaigning.

Bring your questions and cocktails and we will see you on Thursday!



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Wednesday, August 26th 5:30 pm:

Cocktails and Campaigning is back again and this time we are focusing on “More women for Local Government” and how to best equip candidates in light of this current climate.

ALGWA President and host of this event Kylie Spears will be joined by Councillor Antonella Celi and Linda Bennett'.

About our guest speakers:

Linda Bennett has worked in local governments since the early 1980s in a range of service delivery and management roles. She was the Women's Policy and Projects Officer with the Victorian Local Governance Association from 2000 - 2017. Her focus was on the civic participation and community leadership of a diversity of women at the local level. She has been involved in every Victorian local government election cycle since 2000 and in State-wide and local projects and campaigns to encourage women's participation. Linda brings a passionate and strategic approach to the practicalities of improving gender equity and diversity in Victoria's elected local governments, working from the 3 principles of the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter – achieving gender equity, building diversity of women, and recognising their active citizenship.

Councillor Antonella Celi past professional background is in executive administration for PR and Marketing firms and practitioner in the complementary health and wellbeing industry. Cr Celi has run in five elections on the Mornington Peninsula and entered local government in 2010, 2012 and in 2016 elections and has since graduated to receive a Diploma in Local Government for Elected Councillors. In addition to being a local Councillor for ten years, Cr Celi is a former Mayor of Mornington Peninsula Shire and has held council-delegated positions to more than seven municipal committees and held positions of Chair of the Planning Services Committee; Municipal Health and Wellbeing Committee; the Positive Ageing Steering Committee; The Triple A Housing Policy Committee, the Arts Culture Advisory Committee and the Peninsula Reads Literacy Committee.

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Welcome to our newest 2020 intern.

ALGWA Victoria 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 Rosie Cosentino on her new position with ALGWA.



My name is Rosie Cosentino, I'm 23 and I am currently studying my Master of Communication at Deakin University. My role within ALGWA is to ensure that all Victorian female councillors as well as former councillors and intending local government candidates are aware of the services that ALGWA provides. This is undertaken through the promotion of our memberships, which includes the construction and distribution of our brochure, organising for members to speak to radio stations, rural councils, local community groups and various networks. It is also our objective through the development of our brochure to inspire and exalt women in Victoria to stand for their local government council elections now and in the future.