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

**Staying connected and focused together**

*ALGWA Vic October edition:*



What a month and what an election time this is turning out to be. As President, I extend congratulations to every woman that has put their hand up to stand in the 2020 Local Government elections.

While elections are challenging at the best of times, this election has taken us on so many twists and turns, it is certainly one for the record books.

Our September forums have been some of our most widely attended and we are so excited to have met and supported so many new candidates and current Councillors.

We were absolutely thrilled to have Uruguayan Senator Carmen Sanguinetti join us on the 10th of September. Oh, my goodness! What an inspirational woman. She took us through her journey to the Senate, she talked about her mentors and what drives her to do what she does.

ALGWA Vic is committed to supporting you with online forums continuing through this election time period. Making sure you feel connected, focused and never disheartened with any of your endeavours with even the most seasoned Councillors commenting on feeling inspired and encouraged and loving the positive culture we are providing.

We will continue to support women during this election and wish everyone the best with their campaign.

Warm regards

Kylie  
President

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## Special message on behalf of ALGWA Vic

October is also a time to acknowledge the many current female Councillors who will be retiring this election. Your contribution to Local government in shaping its communities is not unnoticed by many who have supported you especially those we have come to know personally.

It is with this, that ALGWA Vic would like to formally acknowledge the work of two of our Executive members- Cr Coral Ross, National Vice-President of AWLGWA and Cr Sandra Wilson, Vice President of ALGWA Vic. Sandra and Coral are well respected and much loved by the Executive Committee of ALGWA Vic. Both have dedicated many hours of work to the Association.

Coral was elected to Boroondara Council in 2002 and has served as Mayor three times. Coral joined the Executive committee in 2010 and has been the National President and Vice President of ALGWA and ALGWA Vic. In 2018, she was awarded a prestigious Churchill Fellowship to improve gender equality in local government. Coral travelled to the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Germany in 2019 to investigate ways of increasing the number of women elected to local governments. Coral will continue on the executive and as the National Vice President.

Sandra was elected to Hobsons Bay in 2012 and served both as Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Having joined the executive committee in 2018, Sandra has lead submission on ALGWA Vic's behalf to new Local Government Act, the sexual harassment enquiry and most recently our submission to the Governance and Integrity regulations. Although Sandra retires in 2020, she will remain on the executive and has flagged her interest in a project on how we support women still invested in the sector but in a different role now.

**Thank you, Sandra and Coral, for your passion, integrity, friendship and contribution to the sector.**



## ALGWA Vic October events

**Thursday, October 8th 5:30 pm:**

ALGWA Victoria presents another night of cocktails and campaigning with the new event: **'have a cocktail or 2 and share'**.

**About this session:**

Lets laugh, cry and celebrate we did it... no matter the outcome of this election standing is a huge achievement especially in COVID times. As the elections come to an end our support continues to go on, so join us in this session as we wind down and celebrate each others achievements.



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**Thursday, October 22nd 5:30 pm:**

"Cocktails and reflecting" with ALGWA Victoria.

**About this session:**

Now that it is post-election time, ALGWA Vic has organised the perfect opportunity for us to come together and debrief, reflect and celebrate our creativity to this campaign. Nothing like a good chat over drinks, even if its from your kitchen table. Let's discuss our journeys what went well or what we would do differently but most of all support and congratulate one another for an awesome campaign during difficult times.



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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 Julie Rae on her new position with ALGWA.**



My name is Julie Rae and my internship project with ALGWA Vic is the Annual Bursary Award. I'm in the final semester of a Bachelor of Arts degree at Deakin. My major is Sociology and my main area of interest is in gender studies. I'm passionate about social change and would love to go on to work in Diversity and Inclusion. I feel so privileged to be working with ALGWA for this internship as I strongly believe that more equal gender representation at all levels in local government will enable Council to more effectively meet the needs of the people they serve.

*ALGWA Vic would like to thank Julie for the development of our 2020 Bursary Award Brochure.*

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