

ALGWA news

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● Annual Study Award announced

The 2007 ALGWA Study Award has been announced and information sent to all Victorian Councils through the Chief Executive Officer.

Information on the \$1000 Award and the application form can be downloaded from the ALGWA web site www.algwa.com.au.

Study Award Co-ordinator, Cr Pam McLeod advises that the applications for the Annual Study Bursary must be received by Friday 21st September to be eligible for assessment.

The winner of the 2007 Study Award will be announced at the ALGWA Breakfast on the 2nd October (details follow)

● Membership Invitation to Councils

Victorian Councils have been sent an invitation to join the Australian Local Government Women's Association Victorian Branch.

Following discussions at the General Meeting of the Association in July, Council's have been offered an opportunity to become a member of ALGWA with a membership fee of \$200 for the financial year. Council's are asked to nominate a representative on their application.

Many Councils have expressed support for the National Framework for Women in Local Government - The Way Forward and the Associations goals in increasing women's participation in Local Government.

● ALGWA Networking Breakfast

ALGWA is pleased to announce that a Networking Breakfast will be held on Friday 2nd October at the Sofitel Hotel in conjunction with the MAV Annual State Conference.

The Association Executive Committee is most grateful to the MAV Board for their support and assistance with this ALGWA event.

Details will be forwarded to members in the coming week. Further information can be obtained from ALGWA Secretary Cr Sue Marstaeller JP 5787 1520 email algwavic@algwa.com.au

● ALGWA On line Survey

The ALGWA member's survey has provided some great ideas for the planning of the events calendar into 2008. Thanks to all members who participated. We will offer more member surveys in the near future.

The National Framework for Women in Local Government- The Way Forward

A copy of this document was distributed to all Victorian Council CEO's and Mayors in June.

The response from Council's has been very positive throughout all States and the Northern Territory. If you require additional copies of the booklet for your Council, please contact ALGWA Secretary Cr Sue Marstaeller on 5787 1520.

● ALGWA Submissions to Review Panels

Following the Special General Meeting on the 16th July a submission has been forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Richard Wynne in relation to the review of the 2005 Council elections. ALGWA's submission highlighted two issues, proof of identification of candidate's signatures on nomination forms and documentation in Local Government elections and the Caretaker period.

A submission has also been lodged with the Review Panel considering Local Government Councillor Remuneration. Comments from the ALGWA focus groups and online survey conducted during the review of the National Framework have been included.

Issues such as superannuation provision, the \$1000 ceiling on tax deductibility of election expenses, child care allowances, and administrative assistance with mobile phones, broadband etc. Copies of both letters are available from the Secretary.

ALGWA is also calling on the Minister for Local Government to establish a Women's Advisory Council to advise on Local Government issues. This is similar to the advisory groups in WA and Queensland.

● Diary Date

North East Branch Meeting

Rural City of Benalla Offices, Friday 28th September 10-30am Enquiries Cr Carmel Barrott 0419 367 190

ALGWA National Breakfast

Holiday Inn the Esplanade Darwin Wednesday 29th November Enquiries Cr Helen Scott National Secretary 03 6254 6153. email president@algwa.net.au

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