

ALGWA news

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Congratulations to our Mayors

Mayoral elections have been completed across Victorian Councils and ALGWA members are among the Mayors elected for 2006-2007

ALGWA Committee member Cr Kate Lempriere was elected as Mayor of Cardinia Shire. This is the second time Kate has served as Mayor of the Shire. Councillors elected for a second consecutive term included, Cr Jenny Houlihan in the Greater Shepparton City Council and Cr Janet Bolitho, Port Phillip City Council.

Cr Julie Rivendell has been elected as Mayor of the Greater City of Bendigo, Cr Pat Claridge in Benalla Council, Cr Margaret Esakoff Glen Eira City Council, Cr Topsy Petchy Kingston City Council, Cr Helen Relph Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Cr Marelene Kairouz Darebin City Council, Cr Jenny Farrar Yarra City Council, Cr Beth Ripper Wellington Shire Council, and Cr Meredith Urie East Gippsland Shire.

Cr Margaret Guidice was elected as Mayor in the Brimbank City Council, Cr Robyn Smith in Southern Grampians Shire Council, Cr Di McAuliffe Moorabool Shire Council, Cr Pat Semmens Queenscliffe Borough Council, Cr Ruth Gstrein Corangamite Shire Council, Cr Jennie Deane in South Gippsland Shire Council.

In the 79 Mayoral positions, women were elected in 19 Mayoral positions, 25 % in all. In the Gippsland Region, three of the five Mayors are women. Congratulations to all.

ALGWA Mentor Network

The ALGWA Victorian Branch Mentor Network is being updated and will be released in the New Year. We sincerely thank all members who have contributed in the past to this valuable support. The announcement of the launch of the Mentor Network will be advised to members. Requests for information and support are being received from potential candidates for the 2008 elections. ALGWA Members are invited to refer enquiries to Secretary Cr Sue Marstaeller, 57871520.

Review of the National Framework for Women in Local Government

The ALGWA Review of the National Framework for Women in Local Government is proceeding with focus groups being held in all States and the Northern Territory

The online survey will conclude on 23rd December and ALGWA members are invited to participate in this short survey. The categories for the survey are elected members, women working in Local Government and past candidates in Council elections. The online survey can be found on the ALGWA National web site www.algwa.net.au

South Australia to host the 2008 ALGWA National Conference

The National Board has advised that the South Australian Branch of ALGWA will host the 2008 Biennial Conference. The City of Adelaide will be the location, and dates and venue will be announced in the New Year. Information on the event can be obtained by email to president@algwa.net.au

Diary Note.

The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Branch of the ALGWA will be held in the Greater City of Bendigo on Saturday April 21st 2007. Details will follow in the February Newsletter

Notice of General Meeting

ALGWA Members are advised that a General Meeting of the ALGWA Branch will be held on Saturday 20th January in Broadford. The meeting will be hosted by Mitchell Shire, at 113 High Street Broadford commencing at 10-00am. A workshop on the National Framework for Women in Local Government will follow the meeting. A light lunch will be served and the meeting will close at 2-30pm. Registration details will be forwarded to all members in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the ALGWA State Executive I wish you & your family a safe and cheerful Christmas
Cr Jenny Dale