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## AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

### ALGWA Vic State Conference Update

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Australian Local Government Women's Association Victorian Branch acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

We acknowledge and respect their unique ability to care for Country, and their deep spiritual connection to it.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

### Connect . Motivate . Inspire in Beautiful Baw Baw Shire

ALGWA Vic State Conference 2024



Baw Baw Shire Council Mayor Annemarie McCabe and CEO Mark Dupe warmly invite you to the 2024 ALGWA Vic State Conference at the West Gippsland Arts Centre in Warragul on 26 - 27 April.

Baw Baw Shire Council acknowledges the Kurnai people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the West Gippsland Arts Centre operates and which the 2024 ALGWA Vic State conference will be held. We pay our respects to their Elders: past, present, and emerging. We thank the Traditional Custodians for caring for Country and continuing the customs that maintain the longest practised culture in the world.

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### Our State Conference Sponsors



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We are delighted to announce and welcome leading Australian law firm [Maddocks](#) and essential infrastructure services provider [Ventia](#) as major sponsors of the 2024 ALGWA Victoria State Conference.

We thank them for partnering with us to present this year's keynote speakers and gala dinner.

We thank Maddocks and Ventia for their generous contributions to our conference, which brings together women from across Victoria to celebrate and advance female participation in local government, their support is invaluable.

### Conference Program

**ALGWA<sup>vic</sup> 2024 State Conference**  
*Resilience & Reinvention*

**Program 26-27 April 2024**

**Friday 26 April**

- 6:00pm - Welcome Function**  
Cocktail and Networking  
West Gippsland Arts Centre  
**Welcome:**  
Deputy Mayor Janet Pearce  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
Vice President Rural ALGWA Vic
- Introduction to Baw Baw:**  
Mayor Annemarie McCabe  
Baw Baw Shire Council
- Sponsor Address**  
Maddocks
- 12:50pm - Lunch**
- 2:25pm - Workshops**  
**Leadership: Presence and Impact**  
Julie Witsch  
**The Art of Resilience: Courageous Conversations**  
Leah Mother
- 3:15pm - Afternoon Tea**
- 2023 Bursary Award Winner**  
Sophie Paterson  
Advocacy Lead, Glen Eira City Council
- Local Government Inspectorate**  
Michael Stefanovic
- Speaker**  
Dr Fawzi Firdous  
*Undervalued Professional Migrant Women*  
Buses depart for Brandy Creek
- 5:30pm - Networking Drinks**
- 5:30pm - Gala Dinner Opening**  
**Welcome**  
Mark Dupis  
CEO Baw Baw Shire Council
- Speaker**  
Kerry Wilson  
*Put Her Name on It*
- Keynote Address**  
Rachel Berger
- Closing Remarks**  
Mayor Annemarie McCabe  
Baw Baw Shire Council
- Mayor Kylie Spears  
Maroondah City Council  
ALGWA National President
- 10pm - Conference Close**  
Buses depart for Warragul

**Saturday 27 April**

- 8:00am - Registration**
- 9:00am - Conference Opening**  
**Welcome to Country**  
Cheryl Drayton Kurnai Elder
- Minister for Local Government**  
The Hon Melissa Horne MP
- Sponsor Address**  
Ventia
- Keynote Address**  
Dr Susan Carlene
- 10:30am - Morning Tea**
- Keynote Address**  
Dr Louise Mahler
- Speaker**  
Kat Henaway  
*Politics in Colour*
- Panel Discussion**
  - Cr Leticia Laing
  - Cr Jaz Tauru
  - Caitlin Grady
- Shadow Local Government Minister**  
The Hon. Peter Walsh MP

[www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/ALGWAVIC](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/ALGWAVIC)

[Download Program](#)

### Tickets

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*Resilience & Reinvention*

26 - 27 April 2024  
West Gippsland Arts Centre  
Warragul, Victoria

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
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**SAVE with Early Bird Conference tickets.**  
**Early bird sale ends March 31st!**

We encourage you to book your place at the 2024 Conference now to take advantage of our special early bird ticket pricing.

If you'd like to bring a plus one to our welcome event or gala dinner, extra tickets are available.

