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## AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

### March 2024 Newsletter

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.

### An invitation from Mayor of Baw Baw Shire ALGWA Vic State Conference 2024



On behalf of Baw Baw Shire Council, I would like to invite you to join me at the [2024 Australia Local Government Women's Association \(ALGWA\) Vic Conference](#) at the West Gippsland Arts Centre on 26 and 27 April 2024.

As I enter my second term as Mayor of Baw Baw Shire, and the final year of this Council Term I have reflected on the incredible work happening within my own council and beyond to break down barriers and unlock opportunities to make local government a more equitable and representative space that better reflects our community and society. When I began my term, I made no secret of my desire to see more women supported in community leadership and have passionately advocated for not only myself and my fellow Councillors, but all women to represent and support their communities.

From the moment I was elected to Council I became involved in ALGWA and my commitment has been repaid in spades by the connections and comradery, and the professional and personal development our association fosters so well. I attended the Victorian state conference in 2021, 2022 and 2023 and found every conference to be exciting, educational and inspiring, and I promise 2024 state conference in Baw Baw will again deliver an unmissable event for women in our sector.

Events like our ALGWA Vic Conference are integral to building and supporting female leadership. Our annual ALGWA conference is an incomparable opportunity to expand our knowledge, inspire others and create connections across the State (and even Country!) that make our experience in Local Government fun, well-supported and resilient.

Whether you are heading into your final year of the Council term and looking to leave a legacy, or seeking to continue serving your community, this conference will provide you with skills, knowledge and motivation and a melting pot of incredible women to share your common experiences with and support you on your journey.

So what are you waiting for? Go and book a ticket! [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/ALGWAVIC](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/ALGWAVIC)  
I can't wait to see you in Baw Baw!

**Cr Annemarie McCabe**  
Mayor Baw Baw Shire Council

## 2024 ALGWA VIC STATE CONFERENCE

Early Bird Ticket Sales Close 26 March

### Conference Program

**ALGWA VIC 2024 State Conference**  
*Resilience & Reinvigoration*

**Program 26-27 April 2024**

**Friday 26 April**

- 6:00pm - Welcome Function**
- Cocktail and Networking  
West Gippsland Arts Centre
- Welcome:**  
Cr Kylie Spears  
President ALGWA
- Introduction to Baw Baw:**  
Cr Annemarie McCabe  
Mayor Baw Baw Shire Council
- Sponsor Address**
- 12:50pm - Lunch**
- 2:25pm - Workshops**
- Leadership:**  
Presence and Impact  
Julie Hirsch
- The Art of Resilience:**  
Courageous Conversations  
Leah Mether
- 3:15pm - Afternoon Tea**
- 2023 Bursary Award Winner**  
Local Government Inspectorate  
Michael Stefanovic

**Saturday 27 April**

- 8:00am - Registration**
- 9:00am - Conference Opening**
- Welcome to Country**  
Cheryl Drayton Kurnal Elder
- Minister for Local Government**  
The Hon Melissa Horne MP
- Keynote Address**  
Dr Susan Carlisle
- 10:30am - Morning Tea**
- Keynote Address**  
Dr Louise Mathier
- Speaker**  
Kait Henshaw  
Politics in Colour
- Panel Discussion**
  - Cr Leticia Laing
  - Cr Jaz Tauru
  - Caitlin Grisby
- Shadow Local Government Minister**  
The Hon. Peter Walsh MP
- 5:30pm - Networking Drinks**
- 5.30pm - Gala Dinner Opening**
- Welcome**  
Mark Dupe  
CEO Baw Baw Shire Council
- Speaker**  
Kerry Wilson  
Put Her Name on It
- Keynote Address**  
Rachel Berger
- Closing Remarks**  
Cr Annemarie McCabe  
Mayor Baw Baw Shire Council
- Cr Kylie Spears  
President ALGWA
- 10pm - Conference Close**  
Buses depart for Warragul

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Download Program

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West Gippsland Arts Centre  
Warragul, Victoria

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
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### Save with Early Bird Conference tickets

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.

Book Now

