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AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

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.



Why you shouldn't miss this year's 2024 ALGWA Victoria State Conference in beautiful Baw Baw Shire.

ALGWA Victoria 2024 State Conference
Friday 26 - Saturday 27 April 2024
West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul

Our ALGWA State Conference is fertile ground for networking and connection. Heading into local government elections later this year, many of us are entering a sometimes-gruelling period where a sense of community and support are vital to sustain us personally and professionally.

Coming together for our conference is an unparalleled opportunity to share and learn from each other.

Our conference theme of *Resilience and Reinvention* is aimed at unearthing a renewed energy and fearlessness in our leadership, leaning into our values and looking optimistically to the future.

This year's lineup of keynote speakers has been curated to balance reflection and personal growth with practical skill building and sharing up-to-date sector knowledge.

Award winning academic and television presenter Dr Susan Carland will draw on her vast research and media experience exploring feminism, sexism, discrimination, prejudice and social cohesion to provide sensitive insight into fostering humanity and purpose as leaders.



Top 30 Global Guru, communication and body language expert Dr Louise Mahler will deliver exceptional guidance on developing authentic presence, communicating with confidence, and building trust so that you can navigate even the most difficult conversations and situations.



CEO and founder of *Politics in Colour*, Kat Henaway will share her experience advocating for cultural diversity in politics through Australia's first Political Leadership Incubator for First Nations and Culturally Diverse women, Kat will be bookended by Baw Baw Shire's own Cr Farhat Firdous speaking of her involvement with *Professional Migrant Women*, a community dedicated to maximising visibility and representation of migrant women in professional Australia and creating opportunities and safe spaces for intercultural exchange.

At our Gala Dinner, broadcaster, writer and actor and agitator, Rachel Berger will explore the strength of the human spirit and the power of laughter to overcome the most gruelling circumstances.



Softs Skills expert and author Leah Mether will run workshops on approaching courageous conversations while award winning social entrepreneur Julie Hirsh will facilitate workshops exploring personal purpose, presence and impact.

There will be a host of practical governance and sector updates from Minister for Local Government The Hon. Melissa Horne and Shadow Minister for Local Government, The Hon Peter Walsh as well as Chief Municipal Inspector - Local Government Inspectorate Michael Stefanovic

The cream on the top is the opportunity to escape to the country while you socialise, empathise and galvanise with fellow Australian Local Government Women.

What are you waiting for?

For more information and to book visit [ALGWA Victoria 2024 Conference \(bawbawshire.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.algwa.vic.gov.au)

Tickets

General Tickets

- ALGWA Members: \$675
- ALGWA Lifetime Members: \$400
- Non-Members: \$775

Additional Tickets*

- Cocktail Evening: \$110 per person
- Gala Dinner: \$150 per person

* Please note that there are no early bird or ALGWA members discounts for additional tickets.

[Tickets \(bawbawshire.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.algwa.vic.gov.au)

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

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