



## ALGWA BURSARY AWARD

### ABOUT ALGWA VIC

ALGWA Vic is the peak body representing the interests of Women in Local Government across Australia. The association seeks to further women's knowledge, understanding and participation in the function of local government.

### ABOUT THE AWARD

In 1989, under the leadership of then President Pam Robinson OAM, ALGWA Vic established an Annual Bursary Award to encourage and assist women in the local government sector to further their education. Since then, the prize has been awarded to over 30 women from member councils all across metro and regional Victoria.

*"The Bursary Award was initiated as an investment to support, encourage and assist women's growth and development through further education to achieve higher level positions within local government."*

*Former President, Pam Robinson AM*

### PURPOSE OF THE BURSARY AWARD

The ALGWA Bursary Award assists to support women in local government to grow their careers and develop their skills.

Past recipients have undertaken a diverse range of studies all of which have contributed to increased participation and retention of women in the local government sector. Areas of study have included:

- Law
- Organisational Development
- MBA
- Accounting

- Building Surveying
- Community Service
- Urban Service
- Urban Planning
- Business Management

## 2026 BURSARY AWARD DATES

- **Friday 4 September 2026**  
Bursary Award nominations close at 5pm AEST
- **Monday, 5 October 2026**  
Finalists will be notified
- **Thursday, 22 October 2026**  
Bursary Award Winner to be announced at LGPro Women's Network Dinner at Park Hyatt Melbourne.

## WHO CAN NOMINATE

Both councillors and council officers can nominate for the Bursary Award as long as their council is a member of ALGWA Vic. Councils can join in order to nominate. Nominees must also be undertaking study or have proof of enrolment for study relative to their role of professional developments plans in local government.

## WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

- A \$2500 cash prize
- A certificate
- Full registration to the 2027 ALGWA Vic State Conference with a role as a guest speaker
- Participation on the Judging Panel for the 2026 Bursary Award Nominations
- Access to one LGPro course of the winner's choice over the next 12 months up to the value of \$2500 (excluding Emerging Leaders Program and Executive Leadership Program)
- Full registration to the 2027 LGPro Women's Professional Development Forum, including a ticket to the LGPro Women's Dinner Prizes are valued at over \$7500.

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominations will be accepted until **5pm, Friday 4 September 2026**

## AWARD PRESENTATION

The winner will be announced at the 2026 LGPro Women's Dinner to be held on Thursday 22 October 2026 at Park Hyatt Melbourne. **Should the nominee be unable to attend, a proxy is required to attend on their behalf.**

## NOMINATION INFORMATION SOUGHT

The following information is sought electronically in the award portal:

- Name, position title and contact details of nominee
- Two referee contact details
- Length of time employed in local government
- 75-word bio-note (to be used in the Bursary Award booklet and when introducing the winner at the awards ceremony)
- Nominee education details (Course name, name of institution, completion date of study, number of completed units and length of course)
- What relevant experience do you have to support this application further? (Include information about your involvement in the community, volunteering, internships, experiences abroad and anything else that tells us about your work impact and aims?. 250 words
- Why are you applying for this award? 150 words
- What has led you to undertake further study? 200 words
- What are your career aspirations for the next 5 years? 200 words
- What does it mean to you to have ALGWA Vic supporting women working within local government? 200 words
- What role of leadership will you undertake as the Bursary Award winner to further the awareness of this award within the sector? 200 words
- How do ALGWA Vic's values align with your personal and work ethic? Explain how you demonstrate your leadership qualities, apply your studies within the community and are a role model of ALGWA Vic's values? 250 words
- Two letters of recommendation from the nominee's council on council letterhead addressing the following criteria:
  - Work performance and integrity
  - Major achievements within the workplace
  - Commitment to professional development
  - Commitment to local government(Letters to be addressed to ALGWA Vic Executive Officer and letter to include referees' position within Council)
- Up to three electronic photos (photos must be at least 1MB)
- Please note that as part of your nomination, your council must agree to fund your attendance at the 2026 LGPro Women's Dinner. Council contact responsible for nominee's registration at the LGPro Women's Dinner details to be provided.
- Consent regarding nominee's involvement in the nomination and authorisation of consent to use material submitted in promotional material
- Attendance at an online interview with the judging panel if required.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact LGPro for further information about the ALGWA Bursary Award email:

Email: [info@lgpro.com](mailto:info@lgpro.com) Ph: (03) 9268 6400

For information regarding council membership please contact [admin@vic.algwa.com.au](mailto:admin@vic.algwa.com.au)

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