

20TH-22ND
AUGUST, 2026

ALGWA 75TH ANNIVERSARY *Conference*

Manly Pacific Hotel
Manly, New South Wales

BOLD BEGINNINGS, BRIGHTER FUTURES

ALGWA IS CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2026.

To commemorate this milestone anniversary, we invite you to a conference that not only honours our rich heritage but also sets the agenda for the future. Partnering with the Northern Beaches Council, this event is a flagship gathering for members, women leaders, policymakers and changemakers.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Ita Buttrose AC, OBE
Media Trailblazer,
Businesswoman, Author



Annabel Crabb
Writer, Journalist, Broadcaster



Simon Waller
Futurist, Author

OVER 20 EXPERT PANELLISTS INCLUDING:



Sally Capp AO
Former Lord Mayor
of Melbourne



Farhat Firdous
Former councilor and WiPO
Trainer and Facilitator



Matt Burnett
ALGA President

PROGRAM

DAY ONE

Thursday 20 August 2026
6pm – 8pm

Welcome Function

Manly Art Gallery and Museum
Magical Music! Exhibition Exploration!

DAY TWO

Friday 21 August 2026
9am – 5pm

Official Conference Opening

Minister for Local Government The Hon Kristy McBain MP

Keynote Speaker Ita Buttrose AC OBE

ALGA President Matt Burnett

Bold Beginnings: The Story so far – Coral Ross AM, Pam Robinson AM, Yvonne Barlow, Alwyn Freidesdorf

Artificial Intelligence in Local Government – A Panel Discussion

Kate Kendall Mayor Macedon Ranges, Dr Rachel Swift, Executive Director, Health Care – Asia & the Pacific at Future Secure AI and Bonnie Shaw, Chief Innovator in Residence, Municipal Association of Victoria

Northern Beaches Council Case Study – e-bike Safety Campaign

Advocacy Issues for Women in Local Government – A Panel Discussion

Dr Terry Fitzsimmons, Associate Professor, Leadership at UQ Business School & Matt Burnett, ALGA President & Mayor Gladstone Regional Council

GALA DINNER

Friday, August 21
6pm – late

Featuring Renowned Entertainer and Artist Rowan
An interactive art experience

DAY THREE

Saturday 22 August 2026
9am – 3pm

Keynote Speaker Annabel Crabb

Keynote Speaker Futurist Simon Waller

Women on Boards – A Panel Discussion

Coral Ross AM, Chair, Australian Gender Equality Council, Claire Braun OAM, Helen Conway

Bold Beginnings for Women in Local Government – A Panel Discussion

Sally Capp AO, Former Lord Mayor City of Melbourne, Sallyanne Atkinson AO, Former Lord Mayor of City of Brisbane, Anna Reynolds, Lord Mayor, City of Hobart

Engaging with diverse communities – A Panel Discussion

Keli McDonald CEO National Rural Women's Coalition, Farhat Firdous WiPO Facilitator and former councillor, Cr Cherisse Buzzacott, Alice Springs Town Council

REGISTRATIONS

(all prices include GST)

Member Early Bird Registration

(to June 15, 2026)

Conference, Welcome Event, Gala Dinner
\$1,275 (excluding booking fee)

Non-Member Early Bird Registration

(to June 15, 2026)

Conference, Welcome Event, Gala Dinner
\$1,440 (excluding booking fee)

Member Registration

(from June 16, 2026)

Conference, Welcome Event, Gala Dinner
\$1,375 (excluding booking fee)

Non-Member

Conference, Welcome Event, Gala Dinner
(from June 16, 2026)

\$1,540 (excluding booking fee)

Day Registration Member \$660

(excluding booking fee)

Day Registration Non-Member \$770

(excluding booking fee)

Partner Events Ticket

Welcome \$88 | Gala Dinner \$209

(excluding booking fee)



Registrations are strictly limited.
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Accommodation and things to do:
<https://algwa.net.au/events>