

**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**



**Annabel Crabb**  
Writer, Journalist, Broadcaster



**Simon Waller**  
Futurist, Author



**Major Matina Jewell  
(Retired) SCP**  
Transformational Leadership  
- resilience and change

#### **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**

**AGLWA Patron** Her Excellency The Honourable Sam Mostyn AC Governor-General – Conference Message  
**Minister for Local Government** The Hon Kristy McBain MP

**Keynote Speaker** Annabel Crabb

**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**

Micaela Driberg – CEO, Gender Equity Victoria & 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** Major Matina Jewell (Retired) CSP – Leadership in Action

**Keynote Speaker** Futurist Simon Waller

**Women on Boards – A Panel Discussion**

Coral Ross AM, Chair, Australian Gender Equality Council, Claire Braund OAM, Women on Boards, Victoria Weekes

**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 Registration

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

## Non-Member

Conference, Welcome Event, Gala Dinner  
\$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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