

ALGWA Northern Territory Branch Inc
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January 2013.

Northern Territory Branch 2012-2013



The Executive Committee elected for the 2012-2013 term -

President

Pam Robinson OAM, City of Palmerston, Environment & Climate Change Strategic Planner.

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Vice-President

Clair O'Brien - Farmer, formerly Deputy Mayor, Roper Gulf Shire.

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Secretary

Alderman Helen Galton, City of Darwin

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Treasurer

Alderman Sue McKinnon, City of Palmerston

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Committee Members

Councillor Veronica Birrell, Victoria Daly Shire.

Kerry Moir - formerly Alderman Darwin City Council and President LGANT.

Anne Hammond - City of Darwin, Manager of Strategies and Outcomes.

Hello from President Pam

In November...I said “How amazing; the end of the year is just about upon us! I know the saying is ‘Time flies when you are having fun’ - but I think for all of us it is also that time has gone very quickly because we are all running very full agendas and diaries.”

January 2013: It is now a case of “How amazing, the new year is well and truly here and already most of us are off and racing at a cracking pace”!!

Welcome back everyone and Best Wishes to you all for a healthy, happy and rewarding year.

ALGWA NT Breakfast Meeting 8 February 2013

Please see Secretary Helen’s information on this event at the end of the Newsletter and please get back to her as soon as possible with your booking. We are delighted to have secured our guest speaker, Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Drysdale.

Also please consider bringing a guest to the Breakfast. We would love to have a good turn up for our Association and our Guest Speaker.

The Breakfast Meeting on 8 February is an opportunity for you to consider inviting your CEO/Director/Manager and/or a female/male colleague and/or Local Government interested friend. Just make sure you book your guest as soon as possible to get it into their Diary. Please confirm with Helen whether you are one to two people attending.

My guest will be Ricki Bruhn, CEO City of Palmerston. Ricki has given keen support to ALGWA NT; firstly by indicating support to me personally when the nomination for President ALGWA NT 2012-2013 came up; further, with agreement for me as President of ALGWA NT to attend the National ALGWA Conference.

Ricki is President of Local Government Managers Association (LGMA NT) and as I am a member of the LGMA NT Division Committee, I have invited fellow LGMA NT Division Committee Members to attend our breakfast. The LGMA NT Division Committee Members receive the ALGWA NT Newsletter and distribute it within their Councils.

An invitation has also been sent to the Business and Professional Women’s Association in Darwin. Both ALGWA and BPW share the same strong common goal of advancing the participation of women in both local government and business. Lia Finocchiaro is a former President of BPW Darwin.



January Profile.

Alderman Sue McKinnon, Treasurer ALGWA NT Branch

Sue McKinnon was elected to City of Palmerston in March 2008 and re-elected for a further 4 years in the 2012 NT local government elections.

Alderman McKinnon represents Council as a member of the following committees or organizations:-

Council Formal Committees -Palmerston Regional Safe Communities Committee; Administrative Review Committee; Sister City Advisory Committee; LGANT (Alternate); Sustainability Strategy Committee;

External Organisations - Development Consent Authority (DCA), Palmerston Division;
External Memberships - Chair, Friends of Mitchell Creek Catchment Landcare Group Inc.

Sue aims to provide a community focused, environmentally aware, human rights approach to Council decisions through community engagement and development via on-ground small community-driven local projects. She is particularly focused on improving access to social, creative and recreational activities for the whole community.

Sue re-activated and incorporated the Friends of Mitchell Creek Catchment Landcare Group Inc., in 2011 supported by a 9 person management committee which organises recreation, education, advocacy and planning activities/ projects through wider community engagement with the natural environment of the Catchment.

Her interests are reading, gardening, current affairs, politics, music (listening), art and craft, writing, Landcare activities, walking, cycling and bird watching.



Kathy Bensted is the new *National President, Australian Local Government Women's Association*. Kathy a former President of ALGWA QLD was a Councillor for the Scenic Rim Regional Council. Although disappointed not to be re-elected in the 2012 Council elections in Queensland, her interest in Local Government is still strong and Kathy has taken on her new role as National President with gusto. We look forward to welcoming Kathy

to ALGWANT at some stage during her 2 year Presidency.

Kathy released her first President's Newsletter on 12 December and I am taking this opportunity to circulate it to you all as some missed it during the Christmas leave period.

Kathy's first newsletter as follows...



Australian Local Government Women's Association

National Board Founded at Canberra, 1951

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President's Newsletter

December 2012

Hi Members,

This is my first official HELLO to the members of ALGWA and our partners across Australia.

I am sure you are all very well briefed in that the Biannual General Meeting was held on 10 November 2012 in beautiful Ipswich, here in Queensland. I was honoured to be endorsed as President for the next 2 years, and pleased to also welcome the new executive –

- ❖ Cr Coral Ross (Victoria) – Vice President
- ❖ Ms Karen Murray (Queensland) – Secretary, and
- ❖ Cr Alwyn Friedersdorff (Tasmania) – Treasurer.

Each of your States is represented by your endorsed delegate on the National Board.



National delegates at Ipswich November 2012 – left to right – Mrs Pam Robinson (NT), Cr Betty Gill (SA), Cr Alwyn Friedersdorff (Tas), Ms Kathy Bensted (Qld), Cr Janet Davidson (WA), Mrs Jean Wise (Vic), Mrs Nicole Campbell (NSW)

We as the National Board approach issues and opportunities at a National level and always very conscious of the excellent work your State Branches are doing.

I have certainly hit the ground running, and would like to personally thank the legacy of terrific work and goals set by previous President Cr Darriea Turly and her executive. Darriea is well known for her passion in supporting and encouraging Women in Local Government, and as under her guidance as Vice President for the past year, I intend to emulate those same aims by working with our partnerships for women in local government.

My ambition is to engage all members to ensure the National Body is meeting our member's expectations and requirements, so it is important that you also talk with your delegate to communicate your ideas. There is a brand new webpage up and running linked to every State Branch, from which we can distribute news and opportunities. We are now also on Facebook!

The most existing step forward in the Australian arena of gender equity is that today I signed a contract with the Local Government Association of Queensland for LGAQ to provide the 5050Vision - Councils for Gender Equity program on behalf of ALGWA, with funding provide by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) until June 2015. ACELG (The Australian Centre of Excellence in Local Government) completed their contract with ALGWA in June 2012, and with a further funding package from the Commonwealth, the program will be enhanced to include building sustainable partnerships with national organisations with clear and shared commitments to work together to achieve greater participation by women in local government. These partnerships and the work LGAQ will do will provide data that we can all use to explain the current picture and to get that balance in gender equity. LGAQ will also be establishing a "Gender Equity State of the Nation" conference.

Keep your eye out for the new branding for the program, with LGAQ officially launching the website in January. LGAQ will be in contact with every Mayor and every CEO or GM across Australia to invite your councils to be part of the program. The benefits are huge!



Some more opportunities currently being negotiated by ALGWA include the Annual Breakfast in Canberra during the ALGA National Assembly in June, and the next National Conference in South Australia in 2015.

The February 2013 National meeting will include work on the Strategic Plan, and considerations of updates to our current Constitution. Ensure you are keeping informed, and please let us know as your National body how best we can further opportunities on your behalf.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas, and may 2013 be even more successful for you, your families and friends. I look forward to catching up with you at some point over the next 2 years.

Regards,

Kathy Bensted

President
Australian Local Government Women's Association

12 December 2012

The next ALGWA NT Newsletter will come out in March.

I would be delighted to receive any content you may have for the Newsletter. Items about local government events you may be holding in your region, or information that would be good to share in relation to local government issues, all welcome.

I would appreciate receiving your information by 28 February for the March edition.

Regards
Pam

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Secretary's Notes: As follows:

Please find following information regarding our ALGWA NT Breakfast function on 8 February 2013 at 7 am.

1. Breakfast with our ALGWA NT members, friends and Guest Speaker Lia Finnochiaro, MLA for Drysdale, on Friday 8 February 2013 at the il Lido restaurant at 7 am, Darwin Waterfront.

The cost is \$30. There will also be a fabulous door prize and a raffle to remember.

I am still on holidays however I would appreciate you advising me (on this email address or sms 0400659661) if you are coming along. Please bring a friend/s with you and spend the morning networking and enjoy meeting friends interested in Local Government.

A formal invitation and information re payment will be sent on Monday 28 January however I would appreciate you please advising me of your acceptance prior to that date.

Alderman Helen Galton
ALGWA NT Secretary
LGANT Vice President Municipal
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