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APPROVAL FOR COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (ALGWA) 2022 - FAIRFIELD CITY

Councillors Ann Martin and Tania Brown have requested approval to attend the 2022 NSW Conference of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Conference in Fairfield from 7 to 10 July 2022, which includes travel and three nights' accommodation.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council approve the attendance of Councillors Tania Brown and Ann Martin at the 2022 NSW Conference of the Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference in Fairfield City, including travel and three nights' accommodation.
- 2 The General Manager be delegated the authority to determine any requests by any other Councillor to attend the Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Michelle Martin, Manager Governance + Customer Service (Acting)
Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2022 NSW ALGWA Conference Program

BACKGROUND

In 2022, ALGWA's NSW Annual Conference will be hosted by Fairfield City Council. This conference provides a significant opportunity for Councillors to network with other NSW elected representatives and discuss the issues facing women in local government. Through this conference, local government representatives can engage directly, hear from a range of subject matter experts, and network with local government colleagues from around the State.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation was undertaken with the Lord Mayor, and Councillors were asked to indicate their availability and interest in attending the Conference.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 Goal 4 "We are a connected and engaged community".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the 2021-22 Business Plan of the Governance and Customer Service Division.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Councillors are encouraged to utilise the digital conference papers available, to minimise the use of paper.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available within the relevant budget to enable Councillors to attend conferences and meet costs associated with attendance at the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA).

The estimated total cost of attendance in person at the conference for each councillor, if participating in all available sessions, functions and events is \$2,393. Travel is to be undertaken in accordance with the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy. A breakdown of estimated costs is shown below, all costs shown are inclusive of GST.

Expense	Amount
ALGWA registration 7-9 July 2022 (non-member) <i>Includes Mayoral Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner</i>	\$1,538
Incidental expenses (estimated meals and travel)	\$300
Accommodation (3 nights) *	\$555
TOTAL	\$2,393

*Accommodation at the conference venue will be booked where available, in accordance with the *Councillors Expenses and Facilities* policy.

CONCLUSION

This report includes estimated costs for the two (2) Councillors who indicated they would be requesting approval to attend. However, the report does not preclude any other Councillor who may wish to attend, from nominating.



ALGWA CONFERENCE DRAFT PROGRAM

Thursday 7 July 2022 – Fairfield Showground

5.00 – 6.00pm	Registration
6.00 – 8.00pm	Mayoral Welcome Reception

Friday 8 July 2022 – Holiday Inn

8.00 - 8.45am	Registrations
9.00am	Welcome – Ellen Fanning
9.35am	Speaker – Dr Louise Mahler
10.35am	Morning Tea
11.10am	Speaker – Kiersten Fishburn
12.10pm	Sponsor Speaker
12.35pm	Lunch
1.50pm	Speaker – Amanda Rose
2.50pm	Afternoon Tea
3.15pm	ALGWA Discussion Panel
4.10pm	Sponsor Speaker
4.25pm	Close

Saturday 9 July 2022 – Holiday Inn

7.00am	Activity
9.00am	Welcome
9.10am	Speaker – Deb Wallace
10.10am	Sponsor Speaker
10.25am	Morning Tea
11.00am	Speaker – Dr Neryl East
12.00pm	Discover Fairfield
12.20pm	Lunch
1.20pm	Speaker – Jana Pittman
2.20pm	Hotspots
3.20pm	ALGWA Close
6.00pm	Gala Dinner

Program and speakers are subject to change



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