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COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT 2024 NSW AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This report seeks approval for Councillor attendance at the 2024 NSW Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Annual Conference.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Councillors Tania Brown and Ann Martin be authorised to attend the ALGWA Annual Conference in Macquarie Park between 14 and 16 March 2024, and
- 2 The General Manager be delegated the authority to determine requests from any other Councillor to attend the 2024 ALGWA Annual Conference.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Customer and Business Integrity
Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) is the peak body for women in local government. A voluntary-run organisation, ALGWA supports both employees and elected representatives.

The 2024 ALGWA NSW Annual Conference is designed to provide training and support for councillors and staff, whether they are new to local government or have been around for a long time. It's an opportunity to learn and gain valuable insights from our guest speakers along with networking with other delegates from across NSW. The 2024 conference is hosted by the City of Ryde.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2032 Goal "We are a connected and engaged community". It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Governance and Customer Service Divisional Service Plan 2023-24.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated total cost of attendance in person at the 2024 ALGWA conference for each attendee, inclusive of available sessions, functions and events is \$2,020 inc GST.

Travel is undertaken and expenses reimbursed in accordance with the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy.

A breakdown of estimated costs is shown below:

Estimated Expenses	Amount (incl GST)
Conference registration	\$1,300.00
Accommodation (3 nights)	\$720.00
TOTAL	\$2,020.00

CONCLUSION

The 2024 ALGWA Conference is directly related to the business of Council and this report presents the anticipated cost in councillor attendance.