

ITEM 9 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT 2025 NSW AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This report seeks approval for Councillor attendance at the 2025 NSW Australian Local Government Women’s Association (ALGWA) Annual Conference.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That the Lord Mayor Cr Tania Brown and Councillors Ann Martin and Jess Whittaker be authorised to attend the ALGWA Annual Conference in Griffith between 1 May and 4 May 2025.
- 2 The General Manager be delegated the authority to determine requests from any other Councillor to attend the 2025 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 2025 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 2025 conference is to be held in Griffith, NSW.

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 Customer + Business Integrity Divisional Plan 2024-25.

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 2025 ALGWA conference for each attendee, inclusive of available sessions, functions and events is \$2,850 inclusive of 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
Accommodation (3 nights)	\$850 approx.
Flights	\$700 approx.
TOTAL	\$2,850

All costs are estimates based on costs at the time the report was written. The costs for airfares and accommodation may change at the time of booking after approval of attendance.

CONCLUSION

The 2025 ALGWA Conference is directly related to the business of Council and this report presents the anticipated cost of councillor attendance.