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**MM24/19 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF ALGWA - Mayor, Councillor  
Jerome Laxale**

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After attending the ALGWA breakfast during the recent Local Government NSW conference, I was surprised to learn that Council has not been a member of ALGWA since 2013, when its membership of the Association lapsed.

Membership of ALGWA would afford Council many opportunities including:

- The opportunity for Council to host the ALGWA Conference
- Receipt of the ALGWA newsletter
- Promotion and elevation of local women in Council whether it be staff, Councillors or residents
- Knowledge including forums which Council can host within its local area demonstrating Council's intention to educate local women in Local Government matters
- Demonstration that Council is promoting Women within its local area;
- Demonstration of the benefits to work and live within this council area;
- Opportunity for Council to demonstrate its unique local area, including any new developments and assets that have been created for the community
- Gives a voice for women to present ideas, options and avenues;
- Supports NSW as a whole and showcases Council. Leading by example from regional to city Councils
- Encourages women to step forward and think outside the box
- Assists ALGWA in working alongside the Council to deliver forums and educate women
- Gives a positive social impact on women in the local community

I believe Council should be a member of ALGWA and recommend that membership be reinstated.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the City of Ryde become a member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association.
- (b) That the annual tax deductible membership fee of \$275 be funded from general revenue or another appropriate funding source.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:



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Mayor**

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