

NSW ALGWA

2024 CONFERENCE

The World Belongs to Optimists



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY 14 MARCH –
SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

Venue: MGSM Executive Hotel
99 Talavera Road, Macquarie Park



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Introduction

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 City of Ryde is proud to host this important event in 2024.



The World Belongs to Optimists

In an era marked by rapid change it's the optimists that see beyond immediate challenges and envisage a world where technological advances compliment human endeavours and elevates them to new heights. Together let's delve deeper to explore the economic impacts to society, the potential, and embrace opportunities to shape our future communities.

Optimism is the most powerful tool a Leader has. Our NIDA masterclass will help you master intentional optimism as you pay close attention to the energy and language you are bringing into the space in leading your communities.



Schedule

THURSDAY 14 MARCH

- 2.00pm Guests to check in at hotels
- 4.00 - 5.30pm Registrations open
- 6.00 - 8.00pm Mayors Welcome Cocktail Party - Ubar - Macquarie University
*MGSM/Mercure guests please meet at the MGSM foyer at
5.45pm



MC Welcome:

JUANITA PHILLIPS

For 21 years, Juanita Phillips anchored the ABC's flagship 7.00pm News in Sydney, making her the public broadcaster's longest-serving prime-time female TV news presenter. She resigned from the ABC in 2023 to focus on her writing and speaking work. Juanita specialises in gender equality, business, fintech and cyber security, but has a wide range of both business and government clients, including the mining and banking industries, local and state governments, and the finance and technology sector.

Welcome by Cllr Sarkis Yedelian OAM, Mayor
City of Ryde

Melissa Ryan – Director Incubation & Entrepreneurship
Macquarie University

Music by local duo Jade Steg and Jordyn Richards

FRIDAY 15 MARCH – “Artificial Intelligence”

- 7.00am Morning Activity
Tai Chi – Jing Ling Tai Chi Academy

‘Every little moment’ sketching class by Ryde’s Artist in Residence - Rooi Ping Lim

Meet at MGSM reception at 6.50am
- 8.00 - 8.45am Registrations - MGSM Foyer
- 8.30am ALGWA office bearer nominations open for positions of President, City Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
- 8.45 - 9.15am MC Welcome - Juanita Phillips
Welcome to Country - Dr Jo Anne Rey
Marnie Mitchell - Executive Manager City Life - City of Ryde
ALGWA President - Councillor Dianna Baker
- 9.15 - 10.30am **Guest speaker:**



MELISSA NEIGHBOUR - Topic: Future Crunch

Melissa Neighbour is an environmental town planner, community builder and sustainability specialist. She is the Owner of Sky Town Planning, a purpose-driven town planning consultancy based in Sydney. She has developed and implemented award-winning sustainable development projects across Australia, and is on a mission to activate sustainable forms of living in urban spaces of the future. She is a founding member of the World Economic Forum Sydney Shaper Hub, and was the National Convener for the United National Association of Australia Young Professionals Network.

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FRIDAY 15 MARCH – “Artificial Intelligence”

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10.30 - 11.00am Morning tea served in the foyer
Local supplier stalls available for goods to purchase

11.00 - 12.00pm **Guest speaker:**



EFFIE ZAHOS

Effie Zahos is one of Australia’s leading personal finance commentators. Known for her no-nonsense approach, she has a knack for making money matters simple. Effie is also the author of a *A Real Girl’s Guide to Money, Ditch the Debt & Get Rich* and *The Great \$20 Adventure*. She is the host of Channel 9’s “Your Money” segments on the Today Show and regularly speaks with media across Australia.

**Speakers are subject to change*

- 12.00 - 12.05pm The Hon. Jodie Harrison, MP Address
- 12.05 - 12.30pm Office bearer voting open
- 12.30 - 1.30pm Lunch
Local supplier stalls available for goods to purchase
- 1.30 - 3.00pm **Guest speaker:**



AMANDA JOHNSTONE

Amanda Johnstone is the CEO of Transhuman and is one of Australia's most globally recognised AI technologists and emerging technology communicators. TIME have awarded her as a Next Generation Leader for her work in social impact technology, The CEO Magazine awarded her as Start-up Executive of the Year. She's been highlighted by peak bodies including GSMA and Singularity and has been appointed an expert keynote speaker and panellist on emerging technologies for YPO, Allianz, Stanford, Google, Optus, The Australian Government, Commonwealth Bank, The Education Department, MYOB, Zoom and more.

- 3.00 - 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

- 3.30 - 4.30pm **Panel discussion with:**



EMILY CROCKER

Emily Crocker is Director, Policy in the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner. She leads the cross-government team which has delivered the NSW Government's vibrancy reforms to streamline noise management, cut red tape and provide incentives for live performance. She also leads Data After Dark, a groundbreaking digital project that combines and visualises key data on the night time economy, and has delivered major programs to foster arts and culture activation at night and revitalise CBD areas across Sydney.

Schedule



KERRI GLASSCOCK

Kerri is a well-known and influential arts leader in Sydney having built a strong reputation as an independent theatre maker, award winning venue owner, artistic director, CEO and effective advocate for the cultural sector. She is currently a founding Board Director of the Night Time Industries Association, founding Board Director of the Live Music Venues Association, sits on the Create NSW's Festivals Artform Board and a Board Director of peak body PAC Australia.

She served as co-Chair of the City of Sydney's Nightlife and Cultural Sector Advisory Committee 2019-2022, a Director of the City Recital Hall Board from 2015-2019 and in 2011 was included in the Sydney Morning Herald Sydney Magazine's annual 100 Most Influential and Inspiring People list.



LUCY JOSEPH

Lucy is the Engagement and Projects Manager for the Live Music Office, a key organisation which works to increase opportunities for live music in Australia by identifying and advocating for better policy, regulation and strategy. Over the last seven years, Lucy has managed and delivered the Live and Local program and is on the 24hr Office advisory committee, Great Southern Nights Advisory Committee, NSW Music Festival Regulation Roundtable, the Sound NSW Board, and also the Ministers Technical Group on regulation.

- 4.30pm Returning officer or nominee presents election of Front Bench
- 4.30 - 5.30pm Networking drinks in the foyer with live music by local artist Rachel T
- 6.00pm Explore Eastwood
Meet in the foyer at 5.45pm for bus transfer to Eastwood - map and restaurant list will be provided.
- 8.30pm Buses will pick up from Eastwood bus station on West Parade

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SATURDAY 16 MARCH – “Professional Development”

7.00am	Morning Activity Tai Chi – Jing Ling Tai Chi Academy ‘Every little moment’ sketching class by Ryde’s Artist in Residence – Rooi Ping Lim Meet at MGSM reception at 6.50am
9.00 - 11.00am	NIDA Executive Voice Training - “Owning the space” The purpose of Owning the Space course is to assist participants in achieving the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To build participants knowledge of the power of visual and vocal signals when presenting• To help manage nerves when talking to large groups• To feel comfortable and authentic networking and meeting new people• To be confident presenting delivering formal and informal presentations• To experience using Improvisation techniques to stay present and focused while presenting and manage uncertain moments
11.00 - 11.30am	Morning Tea served in the foyer

11.30 - 12.30pm

Guest speaker:



**DEBBIE HASKI-LEVENTHAL -
Topic: Make it Meaningful**

Author of the bestselling book *Make it meaningful*, Debbie is an awarded and well-published professor of business management and the MBA Director at Macquarie University, Australia. With over sixty academic articles, five books and a TED talk, she dedicates her teaching, research, and knowledge to creating impact and enabling others to find meaningfulness and purpose.

Debbie's book, "Make it Meaningful" will be available to purchase during lunch.

12.30 - 1.00pm

2026 ALGWA Conference Presentations – Blacktown, Cumberland and Penrith Councils to showcase their presentations

1.00 - 1.45pm

Lunch in the foyer

1.45 - 2.30pm

ALGWA hotspots

2.30 - 3.30pm

ALGWA NSW General Meeting - Returning Officer to announce election of executive team

3.30 - 3.45pm

2025 ALGWA NSW Conference Update from Griffith City Council

3.30 - 5.00pm

Afternoon tea and live music by local artist Bonnie Kellett

6.00pm

Meet in MGSM foyer for bus transfer to Curzon Hall

6.30 - 10.30pm

Gala dinner – Curzon Hall

Live music by Paul Field Band, featuring members of *The Cockroaches*

10.30pm

Bus departs for transfer back to MGSM

