



Media Release

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ALGWA Tas and LGAT join to support women being elected to Local Government

The President of the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association, Alderman Deb Thurley and the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, Mayor Doug Chipman, today welcomed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Australian Local Government Women's Association/ Tasmanian Branch (ALGWA Tas) and the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

The MOU will create a working framework for both Associations when promoting Local Government elections and the "WomenCan Campaign", Alderman Thurley said.

The formulation of the MOU was an initiative of former State ALGWA President Alderman Kay McFarlane.

Alderman Thurley said "ALGWA Tas looks forward to working with LGAT to expand information sessions for potential Local Government women nominees for Council elections in 2018.

"Women bring a new range of opinions, approaches and solutions to Local Government decision-making

"Local Government requires rigorous decisions based on debate and input from a diverse range of people ensuring that the best decision has been reached for the community

"Women can, and do, assist in changing the focus of policies and services within Local Government taking account of the changing needs of local communities" Alderman Thurley said.

LGAT President Mayor Doug Chipman expressed his full support for the WomenCan Program.

"Along with my colleagues Aldermen Thurley and McFarlane I strongly encourage women interested in representing their communities to stand for upcoming Local Government elections in October 2018"

Note: Photo Attached

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