

# MAV GE, PFV and VAW Network Meeting

**10 June 2026**

**Part 1**

**all members**



# Acknowledgement of Country

The Municipal Association of Victoria respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria, and recognise their continuing connection to lands, waters, and culture. We pay our respect to Elders past and present who carry the memories, traditions, cultures, and aspirations of First Peoples, and who forge the path ahead for emerging leaders.

# Agenda

- 10:00am** Welcome, Housekeeping and Acknowledgement of Country  
Ingrid Leighton, Head of Organisational Development, South Gippsland Shire
- 10:05am** MAV update, Kellie Nagle, PVAW Policy Adviser
- 10:15am** Building resilient communities: councils' critical role before, during & after disasters  
Ella Wilkinson, Emergency Management Enhancement and Policy Officer, MAV
- 10:30am** Resources for understanding gendered issues in emergency management  
Alice Dunt, Director Commission for Gender Equality in the Public Sector (CGEPS)
- 10:45am** Creating Safe Shelter Project: how councils are creating safe Emergency Relief Centres (ERCs),  
Melesa Osborne, Business Development Manager, Gender and Disaster Australia
- 11:05am** Small group discussions
- 11:20am** Final reflections and wrap up
- 11:30am** Meeting close

# MAV update

- **Welcome** to the MAV PVAW Team **Ruth Niemiec**
- development of **eLearning for council officers** progressing for September launch
- **16 Days of Activism** campaign 25 November – 10 December
  - Respect Victoria grassroots initiative, with Safe and Equal lead agency
  - MAV supporting campaign partner, will utilise Network Exec members as conduit to councils (WHS regions)
  - Regional convenings to encourage collaboration and coordination
  - Anticipate small grants like 2025 – will be confirmed shortly
  - Walk Against Family Violence, Melbourne CBD, Friday 20 November

# MAV update

- **Consultation open for Second Action Plan 2027-2032** of the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032
  - **MAV will develop submission** addressing consultation paper
  - will seek **case studies from councils** to demonstrate why the Action Plan needs to **recognise and invest in local government**
  - councils encouraged to **make your own submission** to survey or consult paper
  - **Consultation closes 31 July**
- **AYSAHD – 11 May**
  - great participation by councils
- **‘A Seat at the Table’** Maribyrnong Mayor, Mohamad Semra on **Australian Story**

# MAVlab update

**2026 MAVlab Innovation Awards - nominations are open until 24 June 2026**

Recognise work driving community impact, inclusion, resilience, sustainability and service innovation.

- **13 award categories**, updated criteria, expanded leadership awards and additional support for rural and regional councils
- **Save the date - Thursday 17 September** for spectacular MAVlab Awards event!
- **We See You Shine Mixtape** 😊
  - **Tuesday 16 June, 12–1pm:** Working with Community - stories, connection and wellbeing. Featuring **Mornington Peninsula Shire, Merri-bek City Council** and City of **Greater Dandenong**
  - **Tuesday 23 June, 12–1pm:** Shaping Places and Programs that Last - infrastructure, planning and partnerships. Featuring City of **Darebin** and City of **Melbourne**.
- Join the **MAVlab Innovation Associates Network (MIA)**