



Acting on the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter

## PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN VICTORIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FACT SHEET December 2016

Update Dec2016 Fact Sheet 20 - previous update December 2015

These are results immediately following 78 council elections in October 2016. Mayors are updated annually. Councillors numbers alter occasionally between elections but this data will remain the new benchmark until the next elections. All councils will go to election again in October 2020. In April 2016, 12 Greater Geelong councillors were replaced temporarily by Victorian Government appointed administrators.

**There are 79 local governments and a total of 637 councillor positions in Victoria excluding vacant Geelong councillor positions.**

**243 (38%) of the 637 Councillors elected in October 2016 are female.**

**Data history:** Aug2000: 157 councillors, 26.6%; Apr2001: 160 councillors, 26.9%, 2/10/01:165 councillors, 27.6%, June2002: 164 crs of 601 27.3%; 14/08/02: 166 councillors, 27.7%; Oct2003:177 councillors of 621, 28.5%, 2/4/2004: 178 councillors, 29%; Mar2005: 181 councillors of 620, 29%; Jan2006: 191 of 635, 30%; Jun2008: 197 of 635, (31%); 30/08/09: 188 of 631, (29.8%); Oct2010: 183 councillors (29.5%), Oct2012: 215 councillors (34%)

### Local governments with more than 40% of women councillors – 41% (32 actual)

- Ararat 42% (3/7)
- Boroondara 50% (5/10)
- Brimbank 64% (7/11)
- Campaspe 4% (4/9)
- Central Goldfields 42% (3/7)
- Corangamite 71% (5/7)
- Darebin 66%(6/9)
- Gannawarra 42% (3/7)
- Glen Eira 44% (4/9)
- Glenelg 42% (3/7)
- Greater Bendigo 55% (5/9)
- Greater Shepparton 44% (4/9)
- Hobsons Bay 57% (4/7)
- Hume 45%(5/11)
- Indigo 57% (4/7)
- Kingston 44% (4/9)
- Loddon 40% (2/5)
- Macedon Ranges 55% (5/9)
- Manningham 55% (5/9)
- Mansfield 40% (2/5)
- Maribyrnong 71% (5/7)
- Maroondah 44% (4/9)
- Melton 55% (5/9)
- Moonee Valley 55% (5/9)
- Moreland 45% (5/11)
- Mornington Peninsula 45% (5/11)
- Mount Alexander 43% (3/7)
- Murrindindi 71% (5/7)
- South Gippsland 44% (4/9)
- Southern Grampians 43% (3/7)
- Stonnington 55% (5/9)
- Strathbogie 43% (3/7)
- Surf Coast 55% (5/9)
- Whitehorse 66% (6/10)
- Wodonga 43% (3/7)
- Yarra City 55% (5/9)
- Yarriambiack 57% (4/7)

**Data history:** 2000: 12% (9); 2004: 22%(18); 2008: 28% (22); 2009: 18% (14); 2010 16% (13); May2012 18% (14); Dec 2015 35% (28)

### All councils in Victoria have female councillors.

**Data history** – Councils with no women elected: Oct2001:5 councils 6%, Aug2002:4 councils 5%; Apr2004:5 councils, 6%; Mar05:7 councils 9%; Jan2006:5 councils 6%; Jan2008:4 councils 5%; Jun2008:after by-elections, 2 councils 3%; Dec2010:5 local governments (6%) Dec 2012, all councils have female councillors.



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## Metro/Interface/Rural/Regional comparisons

<b>Women Councillors</b>	<b>0 women councillors</b>	<b>1 woman councillor</b>	<b>2+women councillors</b>	<b>40%+ women councillors</b>
Metropolitan/Interface	0	3	27	17
Rural	0	9	29	14
Regional	0	1	11	5
<b>Total councils (78)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>36</b>

**Excl Geelong which has administrators**

## Local governments with female mayors elected in 2016/2017 : 40% (32 women mayors)

- Ballarat
- Bass Coast
- Corangamite
- Darebin
- Glen Eira
- Glenelg
- Greater Bendigo
- Hindmarsh
- Hobsons Bay
- Horsham
- Indigo
- Latrobe
- Macedon Ranges
- Manningham
- Maribyrnong
- Melton
- Mitchell
- Monash
- Moonee Valley
- Moreland
- Mornington
- Peninsula
- Mount Alexander
- Murrindindi
- Port Phillip
- Southern Grampians
- Stonnington
- Strathbogie
- Warrnambool
- Wellington
- Whitehorse
- Wodonga
- Yarra City

**Data history:** Aug2000:(15)19%; Oct2001: (18) 23%, Aug2002: (22) 28%, Oct2003(29) 37%; Apr2004: (24) 30%; Dec2005: (24) 30%; Jan2006: (29) 37%, Jan2007: (20) 25%; Jun2008: (19) 24%, Jan2009: (20) 25%, Dec2009: (16) 20% Dec2010: (18) 23%; Dec2011 23% (18); Dec 2012 38% (30); December 2013 25% (20); Dec 2014 38% (30); Dec 2015 34% (27)

## There is only one female councillor in 13 local governments (17%) :

- Banyule
- Bayside
- Colac-Otway
- Hindmarsh
- Mansfield
- Moorabool
- Moyne
- Pyrenees
- Queenscliffe
- Towong
- Wangaratta
- West Wimmera
- Yarra Ranges

**Data history:** Aug2000: 24 councils, 30.7%, Oct2001:21 councils, 27%, Aug2002: 23 councils 29%, Oct2003: 19 councils 24%; Apr2004: 17 councils 21.5%; Jan2006: 10 councils 13%; Jun07: 11 councils 14%; Jan2008: 10 councils 13%; Jun2008 after by-elections: 9 councils 11%; Dec2010: 14 councils 18%. Dec2012: 10 councils 13%.

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## NEXT COUNCIL ELECTIONS – OCTOBER 2020

**Publications** available to support women into and on local government councils:

- [A Gender Agenda](#) – kit for women who want to stand for local government and those who want to assist others to stand (5th edition)
- [Now You're a Councillor](http://www.nyac.org.au) [www.nyac.org.au](http://www.nyac.org.au) website for newly elected women councillors
- [GoWomenLG](http://www.gowomenlg.org.au) [www.gowomenlg.org.au](http://www.gowomenlg.org.au) website for potential candidates
- Victorian Local Government Women's Charter - supported by the [MAV](#) and the [VLGA](#)

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