



Acting on the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter

## PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN VICTORIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

### FACT SHEET December 2016 (Updated Mar 2018 Fact Sheet 21)

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**Below are benchmark results immediately after 78 council elections in October 2016, amended following extra-ordinary election of 11 Greater Geelong councillors in Oct 2017. Women Mayors updated annually. All councils will go to election again in October 2020.**

After the 2016 elections, 78 Victorian local governments had a total of 637 councillor positions excluding 11 vacant Geelong councillor positions. 38% (243) of the 637 Councillors elected in October 2016 were female, a record for Victoria.

**Following extra-ordinary Geelong election in October 2017, 3 women were elected, retaining post 2016 election outcomes for women of 38% (now 246).**

**Women's data history:** 24/8/2000: 157 councillors, 26.6%; 30/4/01: 160 councillors, 26.9%, 2/10/01: 165 councillors, 27.6%, 16/06/02: 164 crs of 601 27.3%; ; 14/08/02: 166 councillors, 27.7%; 10/10/2003: 177 councillors of 621, 28.5%, 2/4/2004: 178 councillors, 29%; 8/3/2005: 181 councillors of 620, 29%; 9/1/2006: 191 of 635, 30%; 30/6/2008: 197 of 635, (31%); 30/08/09: 188 of 631, (29.8%); 15/12/2010: 183 councillors (29.5%), 31/10/2012: 215 councillors (34%), 8/12/2016 243 of 637 (38%).

**Note:** Red highlights immediate post-election results. Councillors numbers/genders alter occasionally between elections.

#### Local governments with more than 40% of women councillors – 45% (36 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)
- 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% (5/9)
- 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) Dec 2016 45% (36)

#### All councils in Victoria have had at least one female councillor since 2012.

**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 (updated)

<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	12	5
<b>Total councils (79)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>36</b>

## Incl Greater Geelong

### Local governments with female mayors 2017/18: 37% (29 women mayors)

- Ararat
- Ballarat
- Bass Coast
- Brimbank
- Corangamite
- Darebin
- Glenelg
- Golden Plains
- Greater Bendigo
- Greater Shepparton
- Hobsons Bay
- Horsham
- Indigo
- Loddon
- Macedon Ranges
- Maribyrnong
- Maroondah
- Mitchell
- Mount Alexander
- Murrindindi
- Port Phillip
- Queenscliffe
- South Gippsland
- Southern Grampians
- Strathbogie
- Wellington
- West Wimmera
- Whittlesea
- Wodonga

**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); **Dec2012** 38% (30); **Dec2013** 25% (20); **Dec2014** 38% (30); **Dec2015** 34% (27); **Dec2016** 40% (32)

### 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

**Resources** 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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