



23 April 2020

Ms Jessie Holmes
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Dear Jessie

In these unprecedented times, the VLGA would like to acknowledge your council for being a signatory to the VLGWC.

A key recommendation from the VLGA's Charter Champions Working Lunch in 2019 was to provide certificates to signatories that can be displayed to promote the Charter and its principles.

Please find attached a copy of Yarriambiack Shire Council Charter Signatory certificate. This can be displayed on your council's website and printed out for display in council buildings.

The VLGA will be providing regular updates to the network of Charter Champions on suggested actions, opportunities for engaging women in your community, and highlighting case studies of councils doing important work to support gender equity, diversity and active citizenship.

Please contact Deborah Wu (Women's Engagement & Project Officer) deborah@vlga.org.au if you have any questions regarding the Women's Charter or your council's status and to let her know the contact in your council for Charter Champion updates.

Kind regards

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Kathryn Arndt
Chief Executive Officer

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Cr Lambros Tapinos (Mayor, Moreland)
President

Victorian Local Government Women's Charter

As a signatory of the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter,

Yarriambiack Shire Council

commits to the following principles:

GENDER EQUITY

That women and men have an equal right to be representatives in local governments, committees and decision-making positions.

DIVERSITY

The inclusion of different experiences and perspectives in local governments and community decision-making strengthens local democratic governance and helps build cohesive communities. Councils and communities encourage and welcome the participation of all women.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Local governments will work with the community to increase the numbers and participation of women in public life, so that decision-making more clearly represents and reflects the interests and demographics of communities.