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Voices of Women Local Democracy in Action

The Voices of Women's Local Democracy in Action initiative equips women in the Yarra Ranges with the confidence and skills to meaningfully engage with local Government. In 2018, 75 women attended nine 'Women in Government' workshops delivered to explain the infrastructure of local Government and the roles of elected officials. The goal is to support more women to run for Yarra Ranges Council in 2020, and become community partners in leadership. We fully expect a representative number of local women in leadership to facilitate further GE action where Yarra Ranges community members live, work, play and learn.

In 2019, the Yarra Ranges Council, CIRE, VLGA and Voices of Women will organise a range of workshops to assist potential candidates to build their understanding of local governance and the role of our councillors. Eastern Health have also supported the initiative in its early stages as part of promoting gender equity to prevent violence against women in the Yarra Ranges.

If you are interested in this initiative you can send Voices of Women an email to be listed on the project database and find out more about future events. A final celebration of the initiative for the year will be held on the evening of Thursday 13th December in the Yarra Ranges. To find out more visit the VOW website at <http://voicesofwomen.org.au> or email them at contactus@voicesofwomen.org.au "Having more women on council is a great thing to aspire to. Women bring a different and complementary perspective to many issues" – Sue West, President Voices of women.

Sue West, president of VOW says the initiative was started "to encourage local women to feel inspired...women working and supporting women ALWAYS makes a difference".

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