

**Australian Local Government
Women's Association (NSW)
59th Annual Conference**

*Creators of Change
Women in Local Government*

Program and Registration Pack

Dubbo, NSW | 22 - 24 March 2012
Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre



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Open invitation



**President,
Clr Julie
Griffiths**

On behalf of the executive of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Branch, I extend an open invitation to all women interested or involved in Local Government to attend the 59th Annual Conference in Dubbo, 22 - 24 March 2012.

The 2012 theme, Creators of Change, aptly reflects not only the level of influence achieved by women in local government, but opportunities for the future. Delegates will be treated to a showcase of inspirational women who have made a difference to their communities. No matter the stage of your career, or the length of time in the Chamber, the conference will be relevant to career advancement, life transitions and changes in the way we communicate. Creators of Change will connect and challenge you.

I recommend the 2012 Australian Local Government Women's Association (NSW) Conference to elected members and staff of councils throughout the State. In fact, I recommend the Conference to any organisation or individual who has an interest in how women make a difference at grass roots level.

Join us in the "City of Smiles" at Dubbo in March 2012.

Councillor Julie Griffiths

President, Australian Local Government Womens Association (NSW)



**Mayor of Dubbo,
Clr Mathew
Dickerson**

Welcome to the City of Dubbo for the 59th Annual Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference.

The recognition of women in our society as equal and fully participating members of our community is essential as we move forward as a community; conferences like this one seek to further enhance the role of women in our level of government.

Women make up a majority of our society (51 per cent) yet women are under-represented in a range of leadership positions. Although 55 per cent of all tertiary students are women, only nine per cent of directors in this country are women. Government fares slightly better with 28 per cent of our federal politicians coming from the fairer sex, while in Local Government, 27 per cent of Councillors are women and 23 per cent of our mayors are women with only 33 per cent of all candidates being female.

These levels of inequity are slowly being addressed and with further presentations from impressive speakers at conferences such as this one, as well as the opportunity to network with other women in Local Government, I believe we can aim towards female representation at Local Government matching the general population percentage.

I look forward to welcoming delegates to Dubbo and showcasing our wonderful City. Please enjoy the ambience while you learn as much as you can about creating the change you desire.

Clr Mathew Dickerson

Mayor of the City of Dubbo



Conference program

The Conference will be held at Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, Darling Street, Dubbo (including registration and all sessions).

Day one	Thursday 22 March
3.00pm - 5.00pm	Registrations Open - Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
5.30pm - 7.30pm	Mayor's Welcome Reception - Old Dubbo Gaol
8.00pm - 10.00pm	<i>Optional: Petula Clark in Concert - Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (Not included in registration fee)</i>

Petula Clark

The legendary film and theatre music star and two-time Grammy Award winner Petula Clark returns for an Australian tour in March 2012. Internationally known for her popular upbeat hits that included *Downtown*, *I Know A Place*, *My Love*, *Colour My World*, *A Sign Of The Times*, *Don't Sleep In The Subway*, *This Is My Song* (written for her by the great Charles Chaplin) and many others.

Day two	Friday 23 March
8.00am - 9.00am	Registrations
9.00am - 9.15am	Welcome to Country - Diane McNaboe
9.15am - 9.30am	President, Australian Local Government Women's Association (NSW) Clr Julie Griffiths
9.30am - 9.45am	Mayor of Dubbo - Clr Mathew Dickerson
9.45am - 10.15am	Department of Planning and Infrastructure - Rachel Cumming (TBC) <i>Local Environmental Plans - State Government perspective</i>
10.15am - 10.45am	Morning tea
10.45am	Nominations close for Office Bearers/Voting for Office Bearers commences
10.45am - 11.00am	Returning Officer announces nominations for executives
11.00am - 11.30am	Minister for Local Government -The Honourable Minister Don Page
11.30am - 12.00pm	CEO, Destination NSW - Sandra Chipchase (TBC) Executive Officer, Association of Mining Related Councils'
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Margaret McDonald - Hill <i>Reflections from a Glass Ceiling</i>
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Voting for Office Bearers closes
1.30pm - 2.30pm	First State Super - Jean Turner Chapman <i>"Close the Gender Gap"</i>
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Leadership Coach and Author - Kerrie Phipps <i>Insightful Leadership</i>
3.00pm	Officer Bearers declared / Nominations for Executive Committee opens
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Open Forum - facilitated by Kerrie Phipps (Hot Spot)
4.30pm	Nominations for Executive Committee close
4.30pm - 5.00pm	Introduction of candidates for Executive Committee
5.00pm	Close of Day 2
7.00pm	Casual Dinner - Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Conference program continued overleaf





Conference program (continued)

Day three	Saturday 24 March
8.00am	Voting for Executive Committee commences
9.00am - 9.15am	President, Australian Local Government Women's Association (NSW) -Clr Julie Griffiths
9.15am - 9.45am	Director Environmental Services, Dubbo City Council - Melissa Watkins <i>Dubbo 2036 - Community Strategic Plan</i>
9.45am - 10.15am	Manager Marketing and Communications, Dubbo City Council Natasha Comber <i>Creating a brand - creating opportunities</i>
10.15am - 10.45am	Morning tea
10.45am	Voting for candidates closes - 10.45am
10.45am - 11.15am	Economic Development Manager, Bathurst City Council Gretchen Armitage <i>Evocities - Local Government Collaborative - The City Change</i>
11.15am - 12.15pm	Presentations - Bidding Councils for the 2014 Conference
12.15pm - 1.15pm	Army Reserve - Sergeant Warwick Campbell Explosive Demonstration
1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Voting for Executive Committee closes / Voting for 2014 Host Council closes
2.15pm - 3.15pm	Director, Bosweb Systems - Leanne Sullivan <i>The Social Media Explosion</i>
3.15pm - 3.45pm	Open Forum - Facilitated by Leanne Sullivan and Natasha Comber (Hot Spot)
3.45pm - 4.15pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	Executive Committee declared
4.15pm - 5.00pm	Australian Local Government Women's Association (NSW) Annual General Meeting
5.00pm	Close of Day 3
7.00pm	Conference Dinner - Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre Featuring Kitty Flanagan

Kitty Flanagan

Kitty Flanagan is one of Australia's most popular stand-up comedians and is also a successful TV writer & performer.

Well known for sketch comedy as well as stand-up, Kitty has appeared in several successful TV shows both in Australia and the UK, most notably Full Frontal (AUS), The Micallef Show (AUS), and The Sketch Show (UK) and is now a regular member of Channel 10's 'The Project'. There have also been numerous TV stand-up appearances, including The World Stands Up on Comedy Central (US).

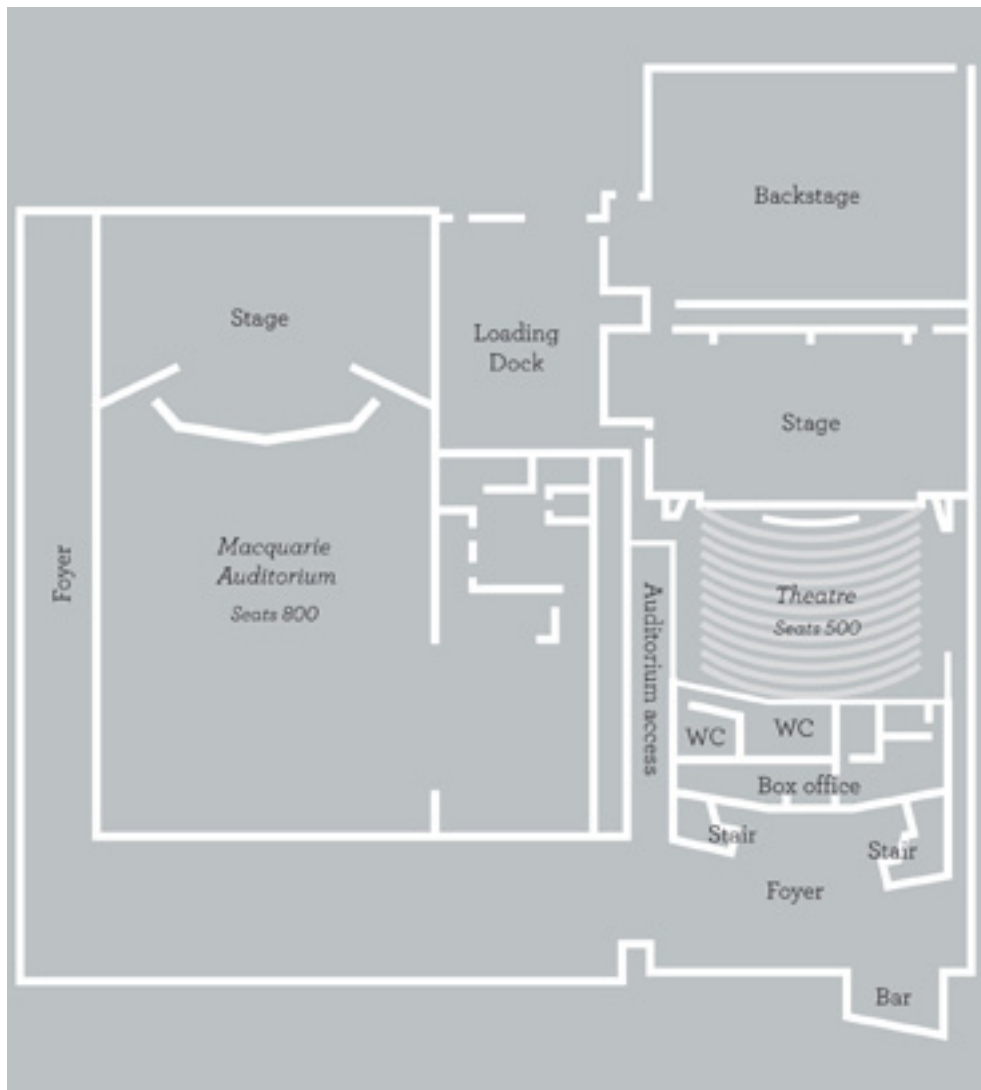
Kitty has performed at comedy clubs around the world and regularly tours the biggest theatres in Australia to sold out audiences.

Kitty will feature at the Conference Dinner on Saturday evening.

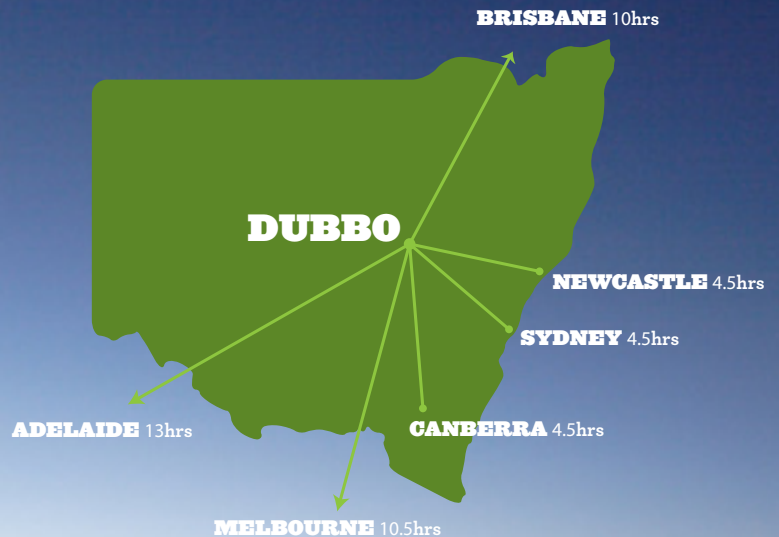
The Conference venue

Opened in March 2010, the \$18.5M Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) is the jewel in Dubbo's crown. Situated opposite the picturesque Victoria Park, DRTCC is located in the heart of the City and a short stroll to the central business district, shops and Macquarie River.

The DRTCC is a state-of-the-art venue housing a 700-seat auditorium and a 500-seat tiered theatre. The site has disabled access and amenities (access, egress and toilets) and is fully air-conditioned. Dubbo's award winning conference venue will ensure quality of sound and unobstructed vision throughout the Conference sessions.



Getting to Dubbo



Delegates are required to make their own arrangements for travel to the Conference – but getting to Dubbo is easy! Dubbo is less than a 1 hour flight from Sydney. Dubbo City Regional Airport offers a choice of daily flights via QantasLink and Regional Express Airlines and is located a short 10 minutes drive to the city centre and the Conference venue. If travelling by car, the Newell, Golden, Mitchell and Great Western Highways will lead you directly to Dubbo. Rail is also an option with daily services offered by Countrylink on the fast and comfortable XPT service. Directions and maps can be found at www.dubbo.com.au.

Travel contacts

Countrylink XPT 13 22 32
 Qantaslink 131 313
 Regional Express 131 713

www.countrylink.info
www.qantas.com.au
www.regionalexpress.com.au

Accommodation

A room bank has been secured guaranteeing accommodation for all delegates and guests of the Conference. The accommodation is motel style three-and-a-half star and above within walking distance of the Conference venue.

To secure this accommodation you must book using the attached registration form (with payment) by Wednesday, 14 March 2012. After this date listed accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

Your accommodation choices are as follows:

Motel name	Star	Single rate	Double rate	Distance from Venue
Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon	3.5	\$119.00	\$129.00	1km
Countryman Motor Inn	3.5	\$130.00	\$145.00	1km
Dubbo RSL Club Motor Inn	4	\$160.00	\$225.00	300m
Endeavour Court Motor Inn	3.5	\$140.00	\$150.00	800m

Refer page 10 to choose your accommodation venue.



Things to do and see

Attractions and activities

Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Taronga Western Plains Zoo is truly the premier tourist attraction in regional Australia. Fifteen hundred animals roam here, free of cages. Moats, some dry, some water filled, keep the animals enclosed in a simulated native habitat. From the antics of the siamang to the praying, piercing eyes of the stalking cheetah, you will need to take time to enjoy the spontaneity of mother nature.

Flying Doctor Base Visitor Education Centre

At the Visitor Education Centre see the wonderful work of this Australian aviation icon. Read the stories, learn the history, watch the film and browse the shop.

Dubbo Observatory

Shoot straight for the stars at the Dubbo Observatory where you will discover our universe at night. Enjoy an interesting presentation in the theatre followed by a view of the night sky: planets, the Moon, and objects both in and outside the Milky Way Galaxy. Explore the night sky with computerised telescopes or binoculars.

Dubbo Golf Club

Dubbo's golf course is a challenging par 71 and is set in beautiful surroundings. The most memorable aspects of a round of golf at the Dubbo Golf Club are the many majestic trees, the sculptured fairways, slick undulating greens and that "miles from anywhere" atmosphere; not to mention the local kangaroos known to visit the fairways.

Wineries

Lazy River Estate, Red Earth Estate, Tombstone Estate Vineyard

The City's three wineries offer unique award winning wines. Sample fresh regional produce, stroll through picturesque gardens or dine and breath-in the serenity of a vineyard vista.

History and heritage

Old Dubbo Gaol

Old Dubbo Gaol is located in Macquarie Street in the centre of the City. A large collection of animatronic models tell spine-chilling stories of the region's most notorious crimes. Old Dubbo Gaol gives the visitor a dramatic and realistic insight into prison life from the 1800s up until the gaol's closure in 1966. The buildings have not changed but the experience has!

Dundullimal

National Trust icon and Australia's oldest timber slab homestead. Built in the early 1840s as the head station of a 6,500 hectare squatting run, the homestead is Dubbo's oldest building open to the public.

Terrungamine Grooves

Visit the site where the Tubbagah People of the Wiradjuri Nation shaped tools, leaving 150 historic rock grinding grooves on the banks of the Macquarie River at Terrungamine Reserve.

Dubbo Heritage Walk

Walk in the footsteps of our pioneers, from bushrangers and underworld figures to renowned architects and ornate buildings. Dubbo is steeped in history.

Art and culture

Regional Botanic Garden

Visit Dubbo's authentic Japanese gardens (Shoyoen). Experience Japanese gardening and perhaps a tea ceremony. This garden was gifted to Dubbo by our sister city in Japan - Minokamo.

Enjoy a bush stroll through the biodiversity garden and learn about the plant communities of the Dubbo area or relax in the newly completed Sensory Garden and enjoy its sounds, sights, taste, feel and smells.

Western Plains Cultural Centre

The only place in Australia that you will see an 11 tonne Hero Wagon and surviving Sudan War Jacket alongside the intimate stories of those who have shaped the City. More than 1000 items are on permanent exhibition in the museum alone. Crossing to the western wing of the WPCC, delegates can meander through more than six exhibitions of local and national significance.

Garling Gallery

Located just 13km from Dubbo on the Mitchell Highway in the village of Wongaroon. Local artist, Brett Garling, creates figurative sculptures cast in bronze.

Red Door Gallery

Red Door Gallery is a space designed to connect artists with our community. Located in the centre of Dubbo on Darling Street, local artist, Laura Holland can supply all the elements for successful art making.





Social functions

Thursday, 22 March

Mayor's Welcome Reception

Time	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Venue	Old Dubbo Gaol
Dress	Smart Casual
Included	Finger Food and Drinks

Optional - Thursday, 22 March

Petula Clark in Concert

Time	8pm - 10pm
Venue	Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
Dress	Smart Casual

Not included in registration additional cost of \$65.00 per person applies

Friday, 23 March

Casual Dinner

Time	7pm
Venue	Taronga Western Plains Zoo
Dress	Smart Casual
Included	Buffet Dinner

Saturday, 24 March

Conference Dinner

Time	7pm
Venue	Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
Dress	Semi Formal
Included	Three Course Dinner and Drinks

Conference information

Early Bird bookings **before Friday, 24 February 2012**

Standard after Friday, 24 February 2012

Registration fees	Early Bird (inc GST)	Standard (inc GST)
Full Conference registration - ALGWA Members	\$540.00	\$640.00
Full Conference registration - Non Members	\$580.00	\$680.00
Day Conference registration - ALGWA Members	\$330.00	\$350.00
Day Conference registration - Non Members	\$330.00	\$350.00
<i>Optional: Petula Clark in Concert (Not included in registration fee)</i>	\$65.00	\$65.00
Additional ticket - Welcome Reception		\$40.00
Additional ticket - Petula Clark in Concert		\$65.00
Additional ticket - Casual Dinner		\$80.00
Additional ticket - Conference Dinner		\$110.00

Registration entitlements	Full Registration	Day Registration
Attendance at all Conference sessions	✓	✓ (on day)
Lunch, afternoon tea and morning tea	✓	✓ (on day)
Mayor's Welcome Reception - 22 March	✓	
Casual Dinner - 23 March	✓	
Conference Dinner - 24 March	✓	
Delegate satchel & materials	✓	✓
<i>Optional: Petula Clark</i>	\$65 pp	

Early Bird Discount

An Early Bird Discount of \$100 applies if you submit your registration form with payment by 24 February 2012.

Cancellation policy

If cancelling your registration on or before 5 March you are entitled to a full refund of all monies paid, less a \$110 administration fee. After 5 March no refunds are available however substitute delegates may be sent.

ALL cancellations made must be in writing to the Conference secretariat via fax or email.

Registration

How to register

Simply complete this registration form (one per person) and fax, email or post it to the address provided. Registration forms are also available from the Conference website at www.dubbo.com.au/ALGWA.

Acknowledgement of registration

All registrations will be confirmed in writing upon receipt of completed registration form with full payment. Registrations received without payment will not be processed until payment is received (this includes accommodation bookings). The attached registration form is an approved Tax Invoice by the Australian Tax Office.

Personal information

Title - Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Prof A/Prof Clr Other (please indicate)

First name

Surname

Organisation

Position

Address

Suburb / Town State Postcode

Telephone Mobile

Email

Preferred badge name (if different from above)

Special Requirements eg. Dietary, Access

Registration Fees

	Early Bird (inc GST)* paid before 24 February 2012	Standard (inc GST)
Full Conference registration - ALGWA Members	<input type="radio"/> \$540.00	<input type="radio"/> \$640.00
Full Conference registration - Non-Members	<input type="radio"/> \$580.00	<input type="radio"/> \$680.00
Day Conference registration - ALGWA Members	<input type="radio"/> \$330.00	<input type="radio"/> \$350.00
Day Conference registration - Non Members	<input type="radio"/> \$330.00	<input type="radio"/> \$350.00
<i>Optional: Petula Clark in Concert</i> (Not included in registration fee)	<input type="radio"/> \$65.00	<input type="radio"/> \$65.00
Additional ticket - Welcome Reception (22 March)		<input type="radio"/> \$40.00
Additional ticket - Petula Clark in Concert (22 March)		<input type="radio"/> \$65.00
Additional ticket - Casual Dinner (23 March)		<input type="radio"/> \$80.00
Additional ticket - Conference Dinner (24 March)		<input type="radio"/> \$110.00

*Early Bird must be paid in full by 24 February 2012 ** Terms and conditions on pg 12

Registration (continued)

Accommodation bookings

Please select Please book my accommodation as follows I do not require an accommodation booking

1st preference	2nd preference	Motel name	Star	Single rate	Double rate	Distance from Venue
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon	3.5	<input type="radio"/> \$119.00	<input type="radio"/> \$129.00	1km
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* Note accommodation must be booked and paid for by Wednesday 14 March 2012 ** Terms and conditions are on pg 12

If sharing, name of person you are sharing with:

Name

Arrival date Departure date No. of nights

Note – full payment is required to secure your accommodation booking. If you are not paying by credit card and wish to verify the amount due for a particular motel (or to make sure it is available) please call the secretariat first.

Payment

I have read and agreed to the cancellation policy outlined in the Conference brochure (page 8) Yes No

Payment summary	
Full Conference registration - ALGWA Member	\$
Full Conference registrations - Non Member	\$
Day Conference registration - ALGWA Members	\$
Day Conference registration - Non Members	\$
Optional: Petula Clark in Concert (Not included in registration fee)	\$
Additional ticket - Welcome Receptions	\$
Additional ticket - Petula Clark in Concert	\$
Additional ticket - Casual Dinner	\$
Additional ticket - Conference Dinner	\$
Accommodation payment**	\$
Total costs	\$

*Early Bird must be paid in full by 24 February 2011. **Terms and conditions on pg 12

*Full payment is required based on motel secured.

Credit card* VISA MasterCard

Credit card number Expiry

Cardholders name

Signature

*note - 3% merchant fee applies to all credit card payments

*Merchant debit on your statement will appear Countrywide Conference Management **Payment – tax invoice Dubbo City Council ABN 77 296 185 278**

Cheque

I will be paying by cheque
(please make payable to 'Dubbo City Council').

EFT

I will be paying by EFT (please ensure you use the reference ALGWA and the delegates surname or organisation. Please email remittance advice so that payments can be acknowledged quickly).

Countrywide Conference & Event Management
BSB - 082 406
Account Number - 54509 4297

All registrations will be confirmed in writing after receipt of registration form with payment

Send completed registration forms to:

Countrywide Conference Management
PO Box 5013 Albury NSW 2640
P: 02 6023 6300
F: 02 6023 6355
E: bradley@ccem.com.au

Office use only

Date received / /

Date confirmed / /

ID Number

Total accommodation W2095.3013

Total registration W2095.3012

Dubbo



Dubbo Visitors Information Centre

Corner Newell Highway
and Macquarie street
Phone (02 6801 4450)
www.dubbo.com.au

Terms and conditions

Accommodation

Cancellation fees:

- a) A cancellation fee of 1 nights accommodation will be incurred if cancellation is received on or before Monday 19 March.
- b) A cancellation fee of the full amount will be incurred if notice is received by Countrywide Conference & Event Management on or after Wednesday, 18 March.
- c) A "no show" will incur a cancellation fee of the full amount.

Early Bird Discount

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Cancellation policy

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For further details about the Conference, please contact:

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E: bradley@ccem.com.au

www.dubbo.com.au/ALGWA (Conference website)

