

## MEDIA RELEASE: TUESDAY, 2 APRIL, 2019

## Mayor McClaren appointed to Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren is among a high quality field of applicants appointed to the 2019 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel (LGMAP).

Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Adem Somyurek MP, recently announced Mayor McClaren's appointment which will give her the opportunity to provide advice to the Victorian Government on local government issues.

Mayor McClaren said the appointment is very exciting news for the Strathbogie Shire and she looks forward to discussing the range of issues impacting local government.

"This appointment to the Local Government Mayoral Advisory Committee is a fantastic opportunity for Strathbogie Shire Council to be engaged at this level, with face-to-face meetings discussing key issues for the sector," Cr McClaren said.

"It is a great opportunity to be a leading voice, not only on issues that are affecting the local government sector, but issues that are pertinent to the Strathbogie Shire."

"This will be an opportunity for mayors from around Victoria representing all Councils to put our heads together to look at ways to overcome barriers and capitalise on opportunities with the support of the Victorian Government," Mayor McClaren said.

A diverse group of 14 metropolitan interface, large, small, regional and city council mayors were selected for the panel which will bring a broad range of views, issues and experience to the table.

The Minister has appointed a panel which is gender balanced, in line with the Victorian Government's commitment that no less than 50 percent of all appointments to government boards be women.

Four meetings are scheduled for 2019 on 3 April, 29 May, 31 July and 18 September.

LGMAP's terms of reference specifies the role for LGMAP members to provide high level advice on a range of legislative, regulatory, strategic and policy decisions which impact on local government.

-ENDS-

Media Contact: Clare Allen- 0418 336 078

Key Spokesperson: Mayor Amanda McClaren- 0409 700 958