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**Mayor McClaren selected for 2019 Cranlana Colloquium Scholarship**

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Cr Amanda McClaren is honoured to be attending a six day leadership program run by the Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership from 15- 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Cranlana is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which aims to enhance leadership capabilities and provide frameworks for complex decision-making.

The central activity of the Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership is the Colloquium, an intensive six-day experience designed for Australia's most senior executives from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors.

The Colloquium is designed for people of influence operating in environments of competing priorities, time pressures and under intense scrutiny.

"I am very grateful to the Municipal Association of Victoria for the opportunity to undertake this program at no cost to Strathbogie Shire Council, allowing me to continue to contribute positively to our community and to the greater Local Government sector," Mayor McClaren said.

"I am thrilled and honoured to be selected to participate in the 2019 Cranlana Executive Colloquium and I look forward to bringing back my learnings and sharing these with Council and the wider Local Government Sector."

The program will assist Cr McClaren in continuing to advocate on behalf of the Strathbogie Shire to both state and federal government and in her contribution to the Minister for Local Government's Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel.

"The role of Mayor of Strathbogie Shire has been both an honour to serve our community and a privilege to be the spokesperson for Council and an experience I will be forever grateful for," Cr McClaren said.

"Local Government is facing significant challenges both on broader global issues such as climate change and the recycling crisis and more localised issues such as how do we best support our communities to flourish, including our agriculture sector and our rapidly growing tourism sector, with an ageing demographic.

Councillors are tested by these complex issues and our response requires the highest level of wisdom and ethical principles, so I am looking forward to being challenged and returning to share my experience with my fellow Councillors."

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