

Councillor Expenses April - June 2012

Name	Travel costs to attend interstate conferences	Local conference and training fees	Meal costs	Communication costs - monthly fees	Communications costs - operational (eg phone calls)	Other costs and expenses (eg printing)
<u>Cr Geoff Barbour</u> (Mayor)	Australian Local Governance Association conference, Canberra, June, \$2264.45	Melbourne's Northern Economic Wedge, LaTrobe University, May, \$50 Municipal Association of Victoria Future of Local Government National Summit, June, \$540 Total =\$590	\$475	iPhone monthly fee =\$29 Telstra monthly connection =\$49 Home internet connection =\$59 Total =\$137	March-April =\$20.38 April-May =\$34.32 Total =\$54.70	April-June printing =\$142 April cabcharge fees =\$72.90 Total =\$214.90

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, notebook computer \$2000, motion mobile device \$1500.

Record of attendance at meetings: Inner Melbourne Action Plan Committee Growing Green Guide and ESD factsheets project launch (May), Rotary Club of Collingwood (May), Volunteer Annual Recognition Event (May), Brunswick Street Lost and Found - National Trust of Victoria Heritage Festival (May), Victoria Street Gateway Stakeholder Group (May), Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Committee (May), Reconciliation Event (May), Headspace Collingwood Launch (June)

<u>Cr Alison Clarke</u>	Nil	Institute for Sensible Transport - Tom Vanderbilt seminar, April, \$395	\$475	iPhone monthly fee =\$29 iPad monthly connection =\$29 Total =\$58	March-April =\$36.97 April-May =\$37.55 Total =\$74.52	April-June printing =\$44
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The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, iPad \$762

Record of attendance at meetings: Inner Melbourne Action Plan Committee Growing Green Guide and ESD factsheets project launch (May), Volunteer Annual Recognition Event (May), Perry Street Festival - Friends of the Earth (May), Victoria Street Gateway Stakeholder Group (May), Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Committee (May), Reconciliation Event (May), Headspace Collingwood Launch (June)

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<u>Cr Jackie Fristacky</u>	Nil	Municipal Association of Victoria, Shaping the Future of Local Government workshops, April, \$297	\$375	iPhone monthly fee =\$29	March-April =\$65.03	April-June printing =\$182.40
		Institute for Sensible Transport, Tom Vanderbilt seminar, April, \$395		Telstra monthly connection =\$49	April-May =\$79.19	
		Melbourne's Northern Economic Wedge, LaTrobe University, May, \$50		Home internet connection =\$89	Total =\$144.22	
		Total =\$742		Total =\$167		

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, notebook computer \$2000, printer \$500

Record of attendance at meetings: Inner Melbourne Action Plan Committee Growing Green Guide and ESD factsheets project launch (May), Rotary Club of Collingwood (May), Volunteer Annual Recognition Event (May), Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Committee (May), Headspace Collingwood Launch (June)

<u>Cr Josh Funder</u>	Nil	Nil	\$375	iPhone monthly fee =\$29	March-April =\$0.93	April cabcharge fees =\$20.20
				Telstra monthly connection =\$49	April-May =\$3.27	
				Home internet connection =\$59	Total =\$4.20	
				Total =\$137		

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, notebook computer \$2000, motion mobile device \$1500, printer \$500

Record of attendance at meetings: Victoria Street Gateway Stakeholder Group (May)

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<u>Cr Sam Gaylard</u>	Nil	Nil	\$425	iPhone monthly fee =\$29	March-April =\$60.10	April-June printing =\$0.60
				Telstra monthly connection =\$49	April-May =\$85.10	
				Home internet connection =\$59	Total =\$145.20	
				Total =\$137		

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, notebook computer \$2000, motion mobile device \$1500, printer \$500

Record of attendance at meetings: Inner Melbourne Action Plan Committee Growing Green Guide and ESD factsheets project launch (May), Brunswick Street Lost and Found - National Trust of Victoria Heritage Festival (May)

<u>Cr Stephen Jolly</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil	iPhone monthly fee =\$29	March-April =\$119.05	April-June printing =\$182.89
				Telstra monthly connection =\$49	April-May =\$131.44	
				Home internet connection =\$59	Total =\$250.49	
				iPad monthly connection =\$29		
				Total =\$166		

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, notebook computer \$2000, ipad \$762, printer \$500

Record of attendance at meetings: Perry Street Festival - Friends of the Earth (May), Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Committee (May)

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<u>Cr Anthony Main</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil	iPhone monthly fee =\$29	March-April =\$39.03	April myki =\$50
				Telstra monthly connection =\$49	April-May =\$44.18	May myki =\$150
				Total =\$78	Total =\$83.21	Total =\$200

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, motion mobile device \$1500.

Record of attendance at meetings: Nil

<u>Cr Dale Smedley</u>	Nil	Nil	\$425	Nil	March-April =\$133.13	April-June printing =\$1.80
					April-May =\$131.41	April cabcharge fees =\$149.80
					Total =\$264.54	May cabcharge fees =\$239.20
						Total =\$390.80

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): Nokia mobile phone \$350

Record of attendance at meetings: Victoria Street Gateway Stakeholder Group (May)

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<u>Cr Amanda Stone</u>	Nil	Institute for Sensible Transport - Tom Vanderbilt seminar, April, \$395	\$375	iPhone monthly fee =\$29 Telstra monthly connection =\$49 Total =\$78	March-April =\$53.76 April-May =\$68.44 Total =\$122.20	April-June printing =\$82.10

The start up costs of equipment that is being used by this Councillor (i.e. these costs are not paid on a quarterly basis but are the one-off costs paid for the equipment): iPhone \$800, notebook computer \$2000, printer \$500

Record of attendance at meetings: Rotary Club of Collingwood (May), Perry Street Festival - Friends of the Earth (May), Brunswick Street Lost and Found - National Trust of Victoria Heritage Festival (May), Victoria Street Gateway Stakeholder Group (May), Reconciliation Event (May), Headspace Collingwood Launch (June)

Excerpt from 2008 Local Government (Councillor Remuneration Review) Panel Report

Councils and Councillors and their peak bodies expressed the view that the amount of allowances had a significant impact on the decision to stand for Council and to return for a second or third term. In particular, surveys had shown that women, single parents and young adults with or without children were under-represented in candidacies as were business owners and young professionals. This view was strongly supported in submissions from the community and especially by advocacy groups for women and young people.

The Panel formed the view that allowance levels do present a barrier to candidacy for those women, young people and mid career professionals both standing for election for the first time and those standing for re-election.

Submissions and hearings pointed out that for most Councillors becoming Mayor involves a full-time commitment to the role and the sacrifice of income if an individual takes unpaid leave from his or her previous employment. The duties of a Councillor demand time, energy and commitment and many reduce their time in paid employment to meet the demands of the role.

Becoming a Councillor also incurs costs for travel, accommodation and child and dependant care, which are not always fully reimbursed by the Council.

Some of the work of a Councillor occurs in ways that are not able to be discretely separated from other activities for the purposes of reimbursement, for example, representations about municipal matters received during non-Council activities. The submissions the Panel received were almost unanimous in describing the financial sacrifices and the failure of the current level of allowances to compensate this.

The Panel believes it is necessary to adjust the value of the allowance. Overall the Panel believes the acceptance of recommendations on increases to the quantum would encourage diversity and, in particular, increase the likelihood that women, young people and people of non-English speaking background will nominate for election to their local Council."