

## Councillors Expenses:- From April to June 2014

### Expenses incurred by Councillors in undertaking their Councillor responsibilities

Name	Interstate or Overseas Conference attendance (Includes registration fee, airfares, taxis, accommodation, incidental costs)	Victorian Conference Attendance and Training Costs (Includes registration fee, travel, accomodation)	Meal Costs (Includes for attendance at Council and Committee meetings, training or conferences)	Councillor Allowances (Includes statutory allowances, amount in lieu of superannuation, workers compensation, etc)	Communication Costs	Communication Costs (Includes mobile telephones, land lines, facsimiles, computers, lpads, etc)	Other Costs (Includes printing and other miscellaneous i.e. Cabcharge and Miki)	Record of Attendance at Meetings for which Councillor is the appointed Delegate (1 April to 30 June)	Other costs and expenses Councillors incurred during current term of office while carrying out their duties.	Historical benchmark of all costs over \$500 incurred or paid by Council in respect of all current Councillors.
			Amount incurred each Quarter	Amount Paid Each Quarter	Capital Costs and Monthly Fees	Operational				
<b>Cr Geoff BARBOUR</b>		Songs For Sally - Dinner and Show -19 July - \$125.00 LiveWires Annual Fundraising Dinner, t Philip's Anglican Church Collingwood : 30 May 2014= \$75.00	\$674.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurance \$427.00  <b>Total \$6,850.00</b>	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Home Internet per month \$69.90  <b>Total \$373.32</b>	April call costs \$77.67 May call costs \$74.56 June call costs \$72.63  <b>Total \$224.86</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$194.90 Printing Cost \$0.00 Myki Cost \$150.00  <b>Total \$344.90</b>	Fitzroy Historic Display Committee - Tuesday April 1st Heritage Strategy Workshop - April 6th Business Advisory Group - April 10th Heritage Strategy Meeting - May 15th Yarra Arts Advisory Committee (YAARTS) - May 28th Business Advisory Group - May 29th Heritage Advisory Committee June 4th		
<b>Cr Roberto Colanzi</b>	National General Assembly of Local Government 2014- CANBERRA Airfare - \$658.00 Accom - QT Canberra - \$758.21 Registration - \$1129 Icclcl Oceania Briefing Breakfast - \$55.00  TOTAL = \$ 2600.21	MAV Environment Conference - April 30th - May 1st - \$550  Half Back Benchers Lunch - May 3rd - \$40  National Local Government Infrastructure and Asset Mngmnt Conf -May 7-8th - \$693.00  MAV Future of Local Government Nat Summit Conf - May LiveWires Annual Fundraising Dinner, t Philip's Anglican	\$674.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00  <b>Total \$6,850.00</b>	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54  <b>Total \$163.62</b>	April call costs \$124.11 May call costs \$120.89 June call costs \$97.69 June mobile wireless card \$45.41 <b>Total \$388.10</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$50.00 Printing Cost \$51.77 Myki Cost \$207.95  <b>Total \$309.72</b>	Fitzroy Historic Display Committee - Tuesday April 1st Business Advisory Group - April 10th Yarra Energy Foundation - April 24th Yarra Drug & Health Forum - May 5th Audit Committee - May 20th PTSCAC - May 20th  Yarra Energy Foundation - May 22nd Edinburgh Gardens Ref group - May 26th Edinburgh Gardens 2014/15 New Year's Eve Reference Group - May 26th Business Advisory Group - May 29th Yarra Drug & Health Forum - June 2nd		
<b>Cr Jackie FRISTACKY</b>  <b>Mayor</b>	Velo-City Conference - Adelaide - May 27- \$2041 Airfare(plus change fee) - \$430.00 Registration including accommodation TOTAL = \$2461  National General Assembly of Local Government 2014- CANBERRA Airfare - \$658.00 Accom - QT Canberra - \$758.21 Registration - \$1129	Half Back Benchers Lunch - May 3rd - \$40  Africa Day Gala Dinner - May 24th - \$70	\$674.00	Allowance \$19,874.00 Insurances \$427.00  <b>Total \$20,301.00</b>	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Home Internet per month \$79.90  <b>Total \$163.62</b>	April call costs \$83.69 May call costs \$90.34 June call costs \$84.18 June Mobile wireless card \$45.45 <b>Total \$303.66</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$117.10 Printing Cost \$313.59 Myki Cost \$0.00  <b>Total \$430.69</b>	Metropolitan Transport Forum - April 2nd Metropolitan Transport Forum - April 11th Disability Advisory Committee - April 15th Aboriginal Partnerships Strategy Reference Group - May 7th Metropolitan Transport Forum - May 7th MAV Transport and Infrastructure Committee - May 8th Fitzroy Historic Display committee - May 9th Inner South Mayors Forum - May 9th Disability Advisory Committee - May 13th Metropolitan Transport Forum - May 16th	Parking \$10.00  <b>Total \$10.00</b>	

	Iclei Oceania Briefing Breakfast - \$55.00 ALGWA Breakfast - \$80.00 TOTAL = \$ 2680.21									Audit Committee - May 20th		
<b>Cr Misha Coleman</b>	National General Assembly of Local Government 2014- CANBERRA  Airfare - (will be standing credit for 12 months) \$656.00  Airfare cancellation fee = \$80.00 Registration - \$200 (refunded \$929.00)  TOTAL = \$936.00  PLEASE NOTE CR COLEMAN DID NOT ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE DUE TO COMPASSIONATE LEAVE	Multicultural Strategy Reference Group - April 9th  Metropolitan Waste Management Forum - April 10th  Collingwood Children's Farm Management - April 24th  Collingwood Children's Farm Management -May 22nd	\$674.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00  <b>Total \$6,850.00</b>	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54  <b>Total \$163.62</b>	April call costs \$102.20 May call costs \$83.44 June call costs \$85.39 June mobile wireless costs \$63.63 <b>Total \$334.66</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$41.50 Printing Cost \$438.68 Childcare while attending meetings \$805.00 Myki Cost \$50.00 <b>Total \$1,335.18</b>					
<b>Cr Sam GAYLARD</b>	VELO CONFERENCE 2014- ADELAIDE Velo-City Conference -May 27- \$2041 Airfare(plus change fee) - \$430.00 Registration including accommodation - \$2031 TOTAL = \$2461		\$674.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00  <b>Total \$6,850.00</b>	iPhone mthly fee \$54.54 Telstra mthly Conn \$69.90 <b>Total \$124.44</b>	April call costs \$97.96 May call costs \$126.94 June call costs \$113.31 June lpad wireless cost \$63.63 <b>Total \$401.84</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$68.10 Printing Cost \$0.00 Myki Cost \$0.00 <b>Total \$68.10</b>	Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Group - April 23rd Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action - May 12th PTSCAC - May 20th Yarra Energy Foundation - May 22nd				
<b>Cr Stephen JOLLY</b>			0	Allowance includes \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00  <b>Total \$6,850.00</b>	iPhone mthly fee \$54.54  <b>Total \$163.62</b>	April call costs \$156.79 May call costs \$137.07 June call costs \$145.34 June mobile wireless cost \$63.59 June lpad wireless cost \$518.18 <b>Total \$1,020.97</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$41.70 Printing Cost \$19.65 Myki Cost \$0.00 <b>Total \$61.35</b>					
<b>Cr Simon HUGGINS</b>			\$674.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00  <b>Total \$6,850.00</b>	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54  <b>Total \$163.62</b>	April call costs \$61.26 May call costs \$62.29  June call costs \$56.04 <b>Total \$179.59</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$23.50 Printing Cost \$0.00 Myki Cost \$0.00 <b>Total \$23.50</b>	Business Advisory Group - April 10th  Youth Advisory Committee - May 1st Yarra Drug & Health Forum - May 5th Audit Committee - May 20th Edinburgh Gardens 2014/15 New Year's Eve Reference Group - May 26th Yarra Drug & Health Forum - June 2nd  Municipal Health Plan Advisory Committee Meeting - June 11th				
<b>Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis</b>		Africa Day Gala Dinner - May 24th - \$70 Songs For Sally - Dinner and Show -19 July - \$125.00	\$674.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00	iphone monthly fee \$54.54	April call costs \$76.98 May call costs \$104.51	Cabcharge Cost \$67.20 Printing Cost \$0.00	Multicultural Strategy Reference Group - April 9th Yarra Library Services - May 21st				

		Councillor Development Weekend - 25 - 27 July - \$1250			\$6,850.00	Total	\$163.62	June call costs	\$79.59	Myki Cost	\$200.00			
								Total	\$261.08	Total	\$267.20			
Cr Amanda Stone		MAV Environment Conference - April 30th - May 1st - \$550	\$674.00	Allowance	\$6,423.00	Phone monthly fee	\$54.54	April call costs	\$99.69	Cabcharge Cost	\$0.00	Active Ageing Advisory Committee - April 15th		
		Africa Day Gala Dinner - May 24th - \$70		Insurances	\$427.00	Total	\$163.62	May call costs	\$103.65	Printing Cost	\$2.79	Disability Advisory Committee - April 15th		
				Total	\$6,850.00			June call costs	\$96.12	Myki Cost	\$50.00	Yarra Environment Advisory Committee - April 16th		
								June Mobile wireless cost	\$45.45	Total	\$52.79	Youth Advisory Committee - May 1st		
								Total	\$344.91			Aboriginal Partnerships Strategy Reference Group - May 7th		
												Early Years Reference Group - May 13th		
												Disability Advisory Committee - May 13th		
												PTSCAC - May 20th		
												Friends Of Baucou Meeting - May 21st		
												Aboriginal Advisory Committee & Aboriginal Partnership Strategy Ref Group - June 5th		
												AAG Assessment Panel Selection Process - June 23rd		
												Active Ageing Advisory Committee - June 23rd		
												Aboriginal Advisory Group - June 26th		
												Youth Advisory Committee - Budget Special Meeting - June 26th		

Note 1. The Local Government Act provides that Councillors are paid an Annual Allowance and also be provided with appropriate tools and support to enable them to properly undertake their statutory obligations. The extent of support is generally recommended by the Office of Local Government. There are very substantial time commitments required of Councillors in order for them to properly represent their constituents and perform their significant legal responsibilities, often requiring travel and late hours. Therefore the provision of efficient communications equipment, reimbursement of official travel and telephone expenses and if applicable, child care expenses is generally provided by many municipalities across the State in order to assist Councillors to maximise their Councillor responsibilities.

Note 2: Training, Conference and Air Travel Budget. The amount provided in the 2010/2011 budget is \$11,000.00.

Note 3: Local Government (Councillor Remuneration Review) Panel Report 2008, as required by Minister for Local Government:

Extract: Clause 2.1.2. Allowance levels and motivation for candidacy

"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."