

## Councillors Expenses:- From July to October 26, 2012

### 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, accommodation)	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, Ipads, 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	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					
Cr Geoff BARBOUR		1. July 10, 2012. Social Traders Breakfast Connect Series \$50.00	\$475.00	Allowance \$23,839.00  Insurance \$427.00	iPhone \$800.00 iPhone monthly fee \$29.00 Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00 Notebook \$2,000.00 Home Internet Conn \$59.00 Motion Mobile Device \$1,500.00 <b>\$4,437.00</b>	June - July \$16.98	July Printing Cost \$2.80 Aug Printing Cost \$13.50 Sept Printing Cost \$10.90 <b>\$27.20</b>	Audit Committee 14/8 & 18/9 Early Years Reference Group 12/9 Municipal Health Plan Advisory Committee 15/8 Business Advisory Group 16/8 Committee for Woman 17/7 IMAP 31/8 ISMMF 21/9 MAV State Council 20/9 North Fitzroy Community Hub 22/8, 5/9			
Cr Alison CLARKE			\$475.00	Allowance  Insurance \$7,705.00 \$427.00	iPhone \$800.00 iPhone mthly fee \$29.00 iPad \$762.00 iPad Mthly Conn \$29.00 <b>\$1,620.00</b>	June - July \$31.73	July Printing Cost \$34.60 Aug Printing Cost \$2.00 Sept Printing Cost \$171.40 <b>\$208.00</b>	Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Committee 9/7, 13/8, 20/8, 10/9 MWMC 12/7, 9/8, 13/9 Disability Advisory Committee 3/7, 7/8, 5/9 MTF 4/7, 1/8, 5/9, 3/10 Doncaster Rail 17/7 and 14/8 Metropolitan Waste Forum - Thurs Oct 11, 2012 Marriot Hotel, Lonsdale Street.			
Cr Jackie FRISTACKY		August 17, 2012 - Exploring Urban Density Forum \$100.00	\$375.00	Allowance  Insurance \$7,705.00 \$427.00	iPhone \$800.00 iPhone mthly Conn fee \$29.00 Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00 Notebook \$2,000.00 Home Internet Conn \$89.00 Printer \$500.00 <b>\$3,467.00</b>	June - July \$241.56	July Printing Cost \$37.50 Aug Printing Cost \$28.20 Sept Printing Cost \$7.40 <b>\$73.10</b>	North Fitzroy Community Hub 22/8, 5/9 BAC 15/8 Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Committee 13/8, 20/8, 10/9 VLGA's AGM Meeting - Thurs Oct 4th, 2012, 60 Leicester Street, Carlton			
Cr Josh FUNDER	Nil		\$375.00	Allowance  Insurance \$7,705.00 \$427.00	iPhone \$800.00 iPhone mthly fee \$29.00 Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00 Notebook \$2,000.00 Home Internet Conn \$59.00 Printer \$500.00 Motion Mobile Device \$1,500.00 <b>\$4,937.00</b>	June - July \$0.90		Yarra Energy Foundation 24/7, 14/8, 11/9  Audit Committee 14/8			
Cr Sam GAYLARD	Nil		\$425.00	Allowance  Insurance \$7,705.00 \$427.00	iPhone \$800.00 iPhone mthly fee \$29.00 Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00 Notebook \$2,000.00 Home Internet Conn \$59.00 Printer \$500.00	June - July \$50.06	July Printing Cost \$0.30 Aug Printing Cost \$0.30 Sept Printing Cost \$0.30 <b>\$0.90</b>	North Fitzroy Community Hub 22/8, 5/9 BAC 14/7, 15/8 Communtiy Gardens Advisory Committee 10/9 Indoor Sports Committee 27/9 Yarra Energy Foundation 24/7, 14/8, 11/9 and 9/10 Indoor Sports Committee 27/9			

					Motion Mobile Device	\$1,500.00						
						\$4,937.00						
Cr Stephen JOLLY	Nil		Nil	Allowance	iPhone	\$800.00			July Printing Cost	\$142.40	Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Committee 9/7, 13/8, 20/8, 10/9	
						\$7,705.00	June - July	\$108.97	Aug Printing Cost	\$64.90		
				Insurance	Telstra mthly Conn	\$49.00			Sept Printing Cost	\$116.50		
					Notebook	\$2,000.00				\$323.80		
					Home Internet Conn	\$59.00						
					iPad	\$762.00						
					iPad Mthly Conn	\$29.00						
					Printer	\$500.00						
						\$4,228.00						
Cr Anthony MAIN	Nil		Nil	Allowance	iPhone	\$800.00			August 8 Myki top-up	\$100.00	North Fitzroy Community Hub 22/8,	
						\$7,705.00	June - July	\$50.70	Sept Printing Cost	\$20.10		
				Insurance	Telstra mthly Conn	\$49.00				\$120.10		
					Motion Mobile Device	\$1,500.00						
						\$2,378.00						
Cr Dale SMEDLEY	Nil		\$425.00	Allowance	Nokia Mobile	\$350.00			July Printing Cost	\$0.20	none	
						\$7,705.00	June - July	\$104.48	Aug Printing Cost	\$1.00		
				Insurance		\$427.00			Sept Printing Cost	\$10.00		
										\$11.20		
Cr Amanda STONE	Nil	August 17, 2012 - Exploring Urban Density Forum	\$375.00	Allowance	iPhone	\$800.00			July Printing Cost	\$5.40	AAG 9/8, 6/9. EYRG 12/9. Collingwood Childrens Farm 16/7, 23/8, 27/9.	
		\$100.00				\$7,705.00	June - July	\$109.09	Aug Printing Cost	\$4.30		
				Insurance	Telstra mthly Conn	\$49.00			Sept Printing Cost	\$1.00		
					Telstra internet	\$59.95				\$10.70		
					Notebook	\$2,000.00					Place of Assembly - VIP Launch, Wednesday Oct 10th 2012, 6-8:30PM, Schoolhouse Studios 97 Nicholson St, Abbotsford	
					Printer	\$500.00						
						\$3,437.95						

**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 general 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."