

Councillors Expenses:- From July to September 2013

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, 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 (Oct 1 - Dec 2011)	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				
Cr Geoff BARBOUR	Nil	Sustainable Cities Awards 2013, Fri 26 July, 6.30-9pm, Zinc Fed Sq River Terrace, \$100.00	\$419.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurance \$427.00 Total \$6,850.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Home Internet per mth \$69.90 Total \$373.32	July call costs \$44.13 Aug call costs \$42.01 Sept call costs \$45.85 Total \$250.12	Cabcharge Cost \$203.20 Printing Cost \$0.00 Myki Cost \$94.50 Total \$297.70	YEF committee meeting, Thu 18 July, 6-7.30pm, RTH Lounge Business Advisory Group, Thu 15 Aug, 8-10am, FTH Reading Rm Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting, Wed 21 Aug, 6.30-7.30pm, FTH Reading Room Early Years Reference Group, Tues Sept 9, 12-2pm, FTH Reading Room EW Working Group, Sept 16th, 5-6pm, FTH Mayors Room		
Cr Roberto Colanzi	Nil	Sustainable Cities Awards 2013, Fri 26 July, 6.30-9pm, Zinc Fed Sq River Terrace, \$100.00	\$419.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00 Total \$6,850.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Total \$163.62	July call costs \$82.23 Aug call costs \$82.73 Sept call costs \$64.77 Total \$229.73	Cabcharge Cost \$0.00 Printing Cost \$173.10 Myki Cost \$3.50 Total \$176.60	YEF committee meeting, Thu 18 July, 6-7.30pm, RTH Lounge North Fitzroy Community Hub Community Design Reference Group, Tue 30 July, 4-5.30pm, FTH Mavor's Rm Library Advisory Committee, Wed 31 July, 6.30-8.30pm, FTH Mayor's Rm Metropolitan Waste Management Forum, Thu 8 Aug, 6-9pm, Marriott Hotel Disability Advisory Committee, Tue 13Aug, 4-6pm, Collingwood Library Mtg Rm Business Advisory Group, Thu 15 Aug, 8-10am, FTH Reading Rm NFZ Community Hub, Wed 21 Aug, 5.30-7pm, FTH Mayors Rm NFZ Community Hub, Sept 9th, 4-5pm, FTH Mayors Room Disability Advisory Committee, Sept 10, 4-6pm, Collingwood Library Advisory Committee, Sept 12th, 6-8pm, FTH Mayors Yarra Environment Strategy, Sept 19th, 5:30-8:30pm, FTH Reading Room		
Cr Jackie FRISTACKY	Nil	Australian Railway Assn networking dinner, Tue 13 Aug, 6-10.30pm, St Paul's Cathedral, \$110.00 Destination Melbourne Tourism Breakfast, Wed Sept 6th, 7-9am, ANZ Pavillion, \$80	\$419.00	Allowance \$19,874.00 Insurances \$427.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Home Internet per month \$79.90	July call costs \$157.57 Aug call costs \$152.52	Cabcharge Cost \$58.90 Printing Cost \$366.55	Metropolitan Transport Forum, Wed 3 July, 6-9pm, Melbourne Town Hall Metropolitan Transport Forum executive mtg, Fri 12 July, 8-9.30am, MCC		

		MAV Governance as Leadership in Local Govt, Sept 4th & 5th, 8:30am-6:30pm, Sofitel Melb, \$550 Australian Transport Summit, Sept 13th, 8:30am-4pm, Crown Casino, \$750		Total	\$20,301.00			Sept call costs \$101.24 Total \$403.32	Myki Cost \$0.00 Total \$425.45	Melbourne Northern Metropolitan Mayors & CEOs forum, Mon 22 July, 10am-1pm, RTH MR3 North Fitzroy Community Hub Community Design Reference Group, Tue 30 July, 4-5.30pm, FTH Mayor's Rm Road Safety Action Group Inner Melbourne Meeting, Wed 21 Aug, 1-3pm, Port Phillip North Fitzroy Community Hub Design Reference Group, Wed 21 Aug, 5.30-7pm, FTH Mayors IMAP Implementation Committee, Fri 30 Aug, 8-10am, Melb Town Hall Audit Committee, Tues 3rd Sept, 4-6pm FTH Council Chambers MAV Board Meeting, Sept 6th, 9am-1pm, 60 Collins Street ISMMF, Sept 6th, 12:30-2pm, Stonnington NFZ Community Hub, Sept 9th, 4-5pm, FTH Mayors Room Doncaster Rail Local Government Group, Sept 10th, 3-5pm, Manningham Council EW Working Group, Sept 16th, 5-6pm, FTH Mayors Room Northern Metro Mayor and CEO Forum, Sept 26th, 10am-1pm, Whittlesea Council, South Morang.	
Cr Misha Coleman	Nil	Local Govt Legislative Framework Workshop, Fri 12 July, 9am-4pm, MAV 60 Collins St, \$275.00 Leaders & Lattes Women Netoworking, Wed 17 July, 6-9pm, 364 Church St Richmond, \$62.00 MAV Meeting Procedure Workshop, Sept 18th, 9am-4pm, MAV level 12, 60 Collins St, \$275 Local Govt Legislative Framework Workshop, Fri 12 July, 9am-4pm, MAV 60 Collins St, \$275.00 Leaders & Lattes Women Netoworking, Wed 17 July, 6-9pm, 364 Church St Richmond, \$62.00 MAV Workshop, Sept 18th, \$275	\$419.00	Allowance Insurances Total	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Total \$163.62	July call costs \$598.81 Aug call costs \$608.99 Sept call costs \$104.29 Total \$1,312.09	Cabcharge Cost \$113.20 Printing Cost \$848.80 Childcare while attending meetings \$0.00 Myki Cost \$0.00 Total \$962.00	April 30 - Yarra Settlement Forum - FTH Mayors Room May 16 - Business Advisory Group at FTH May 21 - Audit Committee at FTH June 4 - Yarra Sustainability Awards Judging Panel at RTH		
Cr Sam GAYLARD	Nil	Sustainable Cities Awards 2013, Fri 26 July, 6.30-9pm, Zinc Fed Sq River Terrace, \$100.00	\$419.00	Allowance Insurances Total	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00	iPhone mthly fee \$54.54 Telstra mthly Conn \$69.90 Total \$124.44	July call costs \$68.21 Aug call costs \$82.36 Sept call costs \$74.64 Total \$225.21	Cabcharge Cost \$0.00 Printing Cost \$0.00 Myki Cost \$0.00 Total \$0.00	PTACSC, Thu 11 July, 6-7.30pm, FTH Mayors Rm YEF committee meeting, Thu 18 July, 6-7.30pm, RTH Lounge Community Gardens Advisory Committee, Wed 24 July, 6-8pm, RTH MR2 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting, Wed 21 Aug, 6.30-8.30pm, FTH Council Chamber YEF committee meeting, Thu 29 Aug, 6-8pm, RTH Lounge EW Working Group, Sept 16th, 5-6pm, FTH Mayors Room YAARTS, Sept 17th, 4:30-6:00pm, FTH Council Chambers		

Cr Stephen JOLLY	Nil		Nil	Allowance	\$6,423.00	iPhone mthly fee	\$54.54	July call costs	\$355.89	Cabcharge Cost	\$18.10	Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Mon 22 July, 11am -1pm, RTH MR1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Sept 9th, 11am-1pm, RTH MR1
				Insurances	\$427.00			Aug call costs	\$410.61	Printing Cost	\$39.40	
				Total	\$6,850.00			Sept call costs	\$302.95	Myki Cost	\$0.00	
						Total	\$163.62	Total	\$1,069.45	Total	\$57.50	
Cr Simon HUGGINS	Nil		\$419.00	Allowance	\$6,423.00	iPhone monthly fee	\$54.54	July call costs	\$36.54	Cabcharge Cost	\$77.40	Health Plan Advisory Committee, Wed 7 Aug, 12-1.30pm, RTH MR2 Business Advisory Group, Thu 15 Aug, 8-10am, FTH Reading Rm YAARTS, Sept 17th, 4:30-6:00pm, FTH Council Chambers
				Insurances	\$427.00			Aug call costs	\$44.42	Printing Cost	\$0.00	
				Total	\$6,850.00	Total	\$163.62	Sept call costs	\$37.44	Myki Cost	\$0.00	
								Total	\$118.40	Total	\$77.40	
Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis	Nil	Sustainable Cities Awards 2013, Fri 26 July, 6.30-9pm, Zinc Fed Sq River Terrace, \$100.00	\$419.00	Allowance	\$6,423.00	iphone monthly fee	\$54.54	July call costs	\$57.59	Cabcharge Cost	\$27.90	Library Advisory Committee, Wed 31 July, 6.30-8.30pm, FTH Mayor's Rm Health Plan Advisory Committee, Wed 7 Aug, 12-1.30pm, RTH MR2 Library Advisory Committee, Sept 12th, 6-8pm, FTH Mayors Room
				Insurances	\$427.00			Aug call costs	\$55.80	Printing Cost	\$3.00	
				Total	\$6,850.00	Total	\$163.62	Sept call costs	\$50.14	Myki Cost	\$68.50	
								Total	\$163.53	Total	\$99.40	
Cr Amanda Stone	Nil	Sustainable Cities Awards 2013, Fri 26 July, 6.30-9pm, Zinc Fed Sq River Terrace, \$100.00 Yarra Baucau Festa, Aug 30th, 5:30-9pm, 19 Belgium Ave Richmond, \$20	\$419.00	Allowance	\$6,423.00	iPhone monthly fee	\$54.54	July call costs	\$110.30	Cabcharge Cost	\$23.50	PTACSC, Thu 11 July, 6-7.30pm, FTH Mayors Rm Youth Advisory Committee, Wed 17 July, 1.30-3pm, RTH MR3 Management Committee of Friends of Baucau, Wed 17 July, 6-7.30pm, Darebin Intercultural Centre Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Mon 22 July, 11am -1pm, RTH MR1 PTACSC, Thu 8Aug, 6-7.30pm, FTH Reading Rm Management Committee of Friends of Baucau, Wed 17 July, 6-7.30pm, Darebin Intercultural Centre Management Committee of Friends of Baucau, Wed 21 Aug, 6-7.30pm, St Marks Hall Early Years Reference Group, Tues Sept 9, 12-2pm, FTH Reading Room PTACSC, Sept 5th, 6-7:30pm, FTH Reading Room Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Sept 9th, 11am-1pm, RTH MR1 Youth Advisory Committee, Spet 12th, 4-5:30pm, FTH Council Chambers EW Working Group, Sept 16th, 5-6pm, FTH Mayors Room Friends of Baucau, Sept 18th, 6-7:30pm, Northcote Town Hall Yarra Environment Strategy, Sept 19th, 5:30-8:30pm, FTH Reading Room
				Insurances	\$427.00	Total	\$163.62	Aug call costs	\$129.92	Printing Cost	\$8.70	
				Total	\$6,850.00			Sept call costs	\$119.36	Myki Cost	\$38.50	
								Total	\$359.58	Total	\$70.70	

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."