

Councillors Expenses:- From October to December, 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, 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		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.
					Capital Costs and Monthly Fees	Operational				
		Amount incurred each Quarter	Amount Paid Each Quarter							
Cr Geoff BARBOUR		Oct 7 - Pink Affair Fundraiser \$45.00	\$475.00	Allowance includes Jan 2013 \$6,423.00	iPhone \$800.00	Oct - Nov Mobile \$66.07	Oct/Nov Cabcharge \$74.80	Nov 22 - Collingwood Childrens Farm Management Committee Meeting	1. 15 Nov - Repairs on bike \$76.00	WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor \$690.00
		Nov 15 - Business Networking Breakfast \$150.00		Insurance \$427.00	iPhone monthly fee \$29.00	Nov - Dec Mobile \$16.26	Oct-Dec Printing \$5.90	Nov 29 - Business Advisory Group Meeting	2. Renewal of Institute of Company Directors Membership \$470.00	
					Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00		Nov/Dec Cabcharge \$88.70	Nov 29 - Yarra Energy Foundation - Cityswitch Awards	3. Travel to event \$11.97	
					Notebook \$2,000.00		\$169.40	Dec 4 - Early Years Reference Group		
					Home Internet Conn \$59.00					
					Motion Mobile Device \$1,500.00					
					\$4,437.00					
Cr Roberto Colanzi		Nov 15 - Business Networking Breakfast \$150.00	\$475.00	Allowance includes Jan 2013 \$6,423.00		Nov - Dec Mobile \$580.22	Oct- Dec Printing \$1.00	Nov 13 - Disability Advisory Committee Abbotsford		WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor \$690.00
		Dec 5 - MAV State Conference \$375.00		Insurances \$427.00			\$1.00	Nov 26 - Active Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting		
								Nov 26 - Yarra Energy Foundation-Project Zero		
								Nov 27 - Yarra Energy Foundation AGM		
								Nov 29 - Business Advisory Group Meeting		
								Nov 29 - Yarra Energy Foundation-Power Launch		
								Dec 7 - Disability Advisory Committee Christmas Function		
								Dec 11 - Yarra Energy Foundaton Meeting		
Cr Jackie FRISTACKY Mayor		Nov 10 - Collingwood Histroy Walk Abbotsford \$5.00	\$375.00	Allowance includes Jan 2013 \$19,874.00	iPhone \$800.00	Oct-Nov Mobile \$93.08	Oct-Dec Printing \$348.40	Oct 4 - VLGA's AGM Meeting		WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor \$690.00
		Nov 15 - Business Networking Breakfast \$150.00		Insurances \$427.00	iPhone mthly Conn fee \$29.00	Nov - Dec Mobile \$50.51		Nov 16 - Yarra Energy Foundation Board		
		Dec 5 - MAV State Conference \$375.00			Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00			Nov 26 - Yarra Energy Foundatoin-Project Zero		
		Dec 6 - Mayor MAV & AICD forum/course \$660.00			Notebook \$2,000.00			Nov 28 - Road Safety Action Group-AGM		
					Home Internet Conn \$89.00			Nov 29 - Yarra Energy Foundation-Power Launch		
					Printer \$500.00			Dec 4 - Early Years Reference Group		
					\$3,467.00			Dec 4 - Audit Committee Meeting		
								Dec 7 - Inner South Metropolitan Mayors Forum		

										Dec 12 - Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Steering Committee Meeting Dec 14 - Doncaster Rail Meeting with 6 Councils						
Cr Misha Coleman	Nil		\$375.00	Allowance includes Jan 2013 Insurances	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00			Nov - Dec Mobile	\$71.63	Oct-Dec Printing	\$32.00	Nov 26 - Yarra Energy Foundation-Project Zero Nov 29 - Business Advisory Group Meeting Nov 29 - Yarra Energy Foundation - Power Launch Dec 12 - Bridge Road Traders Xmas Drinks	1. Oct/Nov - Childcare Services while attending Council Meetings	\$243.00	WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor	\$690.00
Cr Sam GAYLARD	Nil		\$425.00	Allowance includes Jan 2013 Insurances	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00	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 \$4,937.00	Oct - Nov Mobile \$72.28 Nov - Dec Mobile \$30.07 \$102.35	Oct-Dec Printing	\$0.00		\$0.00	Oct 9 - Yarra Energy Foundation Nov 16 - Yarra Energy Foundation Board Nominations Review Meeting Nov 22 - Doncaster Rail Committee Meeting Nov 26 - Yarra Energy Foundation - Project Zero Nov 27 - Yarra Energy Foundation-AGM Nov 26 - Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Nov 29 - Business Advisory Committee Meeting Nov 29 - Yarra Energy Foundation - Power Launch Dec 10 - Yarra Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Dec 18 - Doncaster Rail Meeting-Manningham Council Dec 19 - Community Garden Advisory Committee			WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor	\$690.00
Cr Stephen JOLLY	Nil		Nil	Allowance includes Jan 2012 Insurances	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00	iPhone \$800.00 iPhone mthly fee \$29.00 Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00 Notebook \$2,000.00 Home Internet Conn \$59.00 iPad \$762.00 iPad Mthly Conn \$29.00 Printer \$500.00 \$4,228.00	Oct - Nov Mobile \$149.11 Nov - Dec Mobile \$144.75 \$293.86	Oct/Nov Cabcharge	\$12.40	Oct-Dec Printing	\$138.70	Oct 25 - Collingwood Childrens Farm Management Committee Meeting			WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor	\$690.00
Cr Simon Huggins	Nil		Nil	Allowance includes Jan 2013 Insurances	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00		Nov - Dec Mobile \$5.96	Oct-Dec Printing	\$0.10	Nov/Dec Cabcharge	\$25.90	Nov 26 - Yarra Energy Foundation - Project Zero Dec 4 - Audit Committee Meeting Dec 10 - Yarra Arts Advisory Committee Meeting			WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor	\$690.00

Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis	Nil		\$425.00	Allowance includes Jan 2013 Insurances	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00			Nov - Dec Mobile	\$55.97	Oct-Dec Printing	\$0.00 \$0.00	Nov 14 - Metropolitan Transport Forum	WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor	\$690.00
Cr Amanda STONE	Nil	Oct 4 - Collingwood Underground Theatre - Bristleface performance Nov 10 - Climania Event, North Melbourne Both events paid by Councillor	\$25.00 \$30.00 \$55.00 -\$55.00 \$0.00	\$375.00	Allowance includes Jan 2013 Insurances	\$6,423.00 \$427.00 \$6,850.00	iPhone \$800.00 iPhone mthly fee \$29.00 Telstra mthly Conn \$49.00 Telstra internet \$59.95 Notebook \$2,000.00 Printer \$500.00 \$3,437.95	Oct - Nov Mobile \$127.30 Nov - Dec Mobile \$92.35 \$219.65	Oct-Dec Printing \$37.10	\$37.10	Oct 25 - Collingwood Childrens Farm Management Committee Meeting Nov 23 - Yarra Energy Foundation Nov 26 - Active Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting Nov 26 - Yarra Energy Foundation - Project Zero Nov 29 - Yarra Energy Foundation - Power Launch Dec 4 - Early Years Reference Group Dec 12 - Public Transport Advocacy Campaign Steering Committee Meeting	WorkCover Insurance per year per Councillor	\$690.00	

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."