

## Councillors Expenses:- From October to December 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, 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 (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	Pink Affair Breast Cancer fundraising luncheon, Oct 6th, 12-3:30, 622 Nicholson St, \$50 RABA Fundraising Dinner, Oct 27, 6-11pm, FTH, \$70.00 Great Yarra Re-Tales program, Nov 20th, 6:30-9pm, 533 Brunswick Street, \$88.00 Business Networking Breakfast, Nov 21, 6:45-9am, Carlton Brewhouse, \$ 50 St Mary's House of Welcome Trivia and Dinner, Nov 22, 7-10pm, Fitzroy Bowls Club, \$35 x 2 = \$70	\$543.00	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>	Oct call costs \$87.34 Nov call costs \$74.15  Dec call costs \$88.63  <b>Total \$250.12</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$133.70 Printing Cost \$0.00 Myki Cost \$94.50  <b>Total \$94.50</b>	7/10/13 - EW Working Group 21/10/13 - EW Working Group  28/10/13 - Active Ageing Advisory Committee Heritage Advisory Committee - Nov 13  Early Years Reference Group - Dec 3rd Health Plan Advisory Committee - Dec 4th  FTH History Display Committee - Dec 10th Heritage Advisory Committee - Dec 11th Australia Day awards Committee - Dec 17th			
Cr Roberto Colanzi	Nil	Pink Affair Breast Cancer fundraising luncheon, Oct 6th, 12-3:30, 622 Nicholson St, \$50 MAV Annual Conference, Oct 24th, 8:30-5pm, Sofitel Collins Street, \$495 MAV State Council Meeting, Oct 25th, 9am-4pm, Sofitel on Collins st, FREE RABA Fundraising Dinner, Oct 27, 6-11pm, FTH, \$70.00 Great Yarra Re-Tales program, Nov 20th, 6:30-9pm, 533 Brunswick Street, \$88.00 Business Networking Breakfast, Nov 21, 6:45-9am, Carlton Brewhouse, \$ 50 St Mary's House of Welcome Trivia and Dinner, Nov 22, 7-10pm, Fitzroy Bowls Club, \$35 x 2 = \$70	\$543.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00  <b>Total \$6,850.00</b>	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54  <b>Total \$163.62</b>	Oct call costs \$81.20 Nov call costs \$134.09  Dec call costs \$115.12  <b>Total \$330.41</b>	Cabcharge Cost \$0.00 Printing Cost \$173.10 Myki Cost \$3.50  <b>Total \$176.60</b>	North Fitzroy Hub DRG, Oct 1st, 5:30-7:30, FTH Mayors Room YEF Board Meeting, Oct 3rd, 6-8pm, RTH Councillors Lounge NFZ Community Hub, Oct 7th, 4-5pm, FTH Mayors Room Metropolitan Waste Management Forum, Oct 10th, 6-9pm, Marriott Hotel, Exhibition St NFZ Community Hub, Oct 15th, 5:30-7pm, FTH Reading Room EW Working Group, Oct 21, 5-6pm, FTH Mayors Office YDHF Community Forum, Oct 22, 1-3pm, FTH Main Hall Yarra Environment Advisory Committee, Oct 23, 6-8pm, FTH Business Advisory Group, Oct 24, 8-10am, FTH Reading Room NFZ Hub DRG, Oct 30th, 6-8pm, FTH Mayors Room YEF Board Meeting, Oct 31, 6-8pm, RTH Councillors Lounge NFZ Community Hub, Nov 11, 4-5PM, FTH Mayors Room NFZ Hub, Nov 22, 9-10am, RTH MR1 Disability Advisory Committee, Nov 26, 4-5:30pm, Willowview Centre, Abbotsford NFZ Community Hub, Nov 27th, 4:30-6pm, FTH Mayors Room Yarra Energy Foundation, Nov 28, 6-7:30, RTH Councillors Lounge YEF Board Meeting, Dec 17th, 11-12, Abbotsford Convent Audit Committee Meeting, Dec 17th, 2-4pm, RTH MR1 NFZ Community Hub, Dec 18th, 5-6:30pm, FTH Readign Room			
Cr Jackie FRISTACKY	Nil	Bicycle Network Futures Conference, Oct 16-18th, MCG, \$972.40	\$543.00	Allowance \$19,874.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54	Oct call costs \$166.10	Cabcharge Cost \$65.50	North Fitzroy Hub DRG, Oct 1st, 5:30-7:30, FTH Mayors Room			



												May 30 - Heritage Advisory Committee at RTH June 6 - Yarra Sustainability Awards Judging Panel at FTH June 6 - PTACSC at FTH June 11 - Doncaster Rail LG Group at Manningham Council Office
Cr Stephen JOLLY	Nil		Nil	Allowance includes Insurances \$6,423.00 \$427.00 Total \$6,850.00	iPhone mthly fee \$54.54 Total \$163.62	Oct call costs \$263.35 Nov call costs \$162.00 Dec call costs \$150.80 Total \$576.15	Cabcharge Cost \$133.90 Printing Cost \$39.40 Myki Cost \$0.00 Total \$173.30					
Cr Simon HUGGINS	Nil	RABA Fundraising Dinner, Oct 27, 6-11pm, FTH, \$70.00  Business Networking Breakfast, Nov 21, 6:45-9am, Carlton Brewhouse, \$ 50	\$543.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00 Total \$6,850.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Total \$163.62	Oct call costs \$52.66 Nov call costs \$70.83 Dec call costs \$76.53 Total \$200.02	Cabcharge Cost \$0.00 Printing Cost \$0.00 Myki Cost \$0.00 Total \$0.00	Business Advisory Group, Oct 24, 8-10am, FTH Reading Room Youth Advisory Committee, Nov 14th, 4-5:30pm, RTH MR1 Audit Committee Meeting, Dec 17th, 2-4pm, RTH MR1 May 16 - Business Advisory Group at FTH May 21 - Audit Committee Meeting at FTH May 29 - Live Music Working Group at RTH June 11 - Yarra Sustainability Awards Panel at RTH				
Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis	Nil	MAV Annual Dinner, Oct 24th, 6-11pm, Sofitel Collins Street, \$90 Business Networking Breakfast, Nov 21, 6:45-9am, Carlton Brewhouse, \$ 50	\$543.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00 Total \$6,850.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Total \$163.62	Oct call costs \$69.37 Nov call costs \$94.93 Dec call costs \$84.10 Total \$248.40	Cabcharge Cost \$0.00 Printing Cost \$3.00 Myki Cost \$77.00 Total \$80.00	Business Advisory Group, Oct 24, 8-10am, FTH Reading Room Library Advisory Committee, Nov 20, 6-pm, Carlton Library May 29 - Yarra Sustainability Awards at RTH				
Cr Amanda Stone	Nil	Pink Affair Breast Cancer fundraising luncheon, Oct 6th, 12-3:30, 622 Nicholson St, \$50  RABA Fundraising Dinner, Oct 27, 6-11pm, FTH, \$70.00  ALGWA Afternoon Tea, Nov 27, 2-4:30, Winsor Hotel Melbourne, \$70	\$543.00	Allowance \$6,423.00 Insurances \$427.00 Total \$6,850.00	iPhone monthly fee \$54.54 Total \$163.62	Oct call costs \$161.94 Nov call costs \$111.34 Dec call costs \$135.14 Total \$200.02	Cabcharge Cost \$0.00 Printing Cost \$8.70 Myki Cost \$47.92 Total \$56.62	EW Working Group, Oct 7th, 5-6pm, FTH Mayors Office PTCSC, Oct 10th, 6-7:30pm, FTH Reading Room Disability Advisory Committee, Oct 15th, 4-6pm, Collingwood Library YDHF Community Forum, Oct 22, 1-3pm, FTH Main Hall Yarra Environment Advisory Committee, Oct 23, 6-8pm, FTH Council Chambers Youth Advisory Committee, Nov 14th, 4-5:30pm, RTH MR1 Friends of Baucau, Nov 20, 6-7:30pm, 377 Clrake Street Disability Advisory Committee, Nov 26, 4-5:30pm, Willowview Centre, Abbotsford Active Ageing Advisory Committee, Dec 9th, 2-3:30pm, 433 Smith Street FTH History Display Committee, Dec 10th, 4:30-5:30, FTH Reading Room PTACSC, Dec 10th, 6:30-8pm, FTH Reading Room Yarra Environment Advisory Committee, Dec 12th, 6-8pm, FTH Mayors Room Friends of Baucau, Dec 18th, 6-7:30pm, Mark Street Hall				

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."





