

Councillor expenses and allowances

Expenses

We provide councillors with resources and support to undertake their duties. This is so they can serve, engage and act in the community's best interests. We may make available or pay for resources or reimburse claims for out-of-pocket expenses.

Our Councillor Support Expenses and Resources Policy provides the level of expense and resources support provided.

We publish details of councillor expenses (including those reimbursed) on our website quarterly. Councillor expenses for the 2019-20 year were:

	Travel	Child/ family care	Conference/ training	Mileage	Mobile and data	Events	Copying/ stationery	Total
Cr Abboud	\$148.15	-	\$650.00	-	\$1909.92	-	\$140.00	\$2,848.07
Cr Bolton	-	-	-	-	\$1,573.67	-	-	\$1,573.67
Cr Carli Hannan	\$32.97	-	-	-	\$1,573.67	-	\$140.00	\$1,746.64
Cr Davidson	-	-	-	-	\$1,719.67	-	-	\$1,719.67
Cr Dorney	\$189.04	-	\$913.00	-	\$1573.67	-	-	\$2,675.71
Cr Irfanli	-	-	-	-	\$1,573.67	-	\$140.00	\$1,713.67
Cr Kavanagh	\$168.41	-	-	\$789.96	\$1,573.67	-	\$200.00	\$2,732.04
Cr Martin	-	-	-	-	\$1,573.67	-	-	\$1,573.67
Cr Riley	\$63.00	-	-	-	1,573.67	\$25.00	-	\$1,661.67
Cr Tapinos	\$650.27	-	-	-	\$1,573.67	-	\$330.00	\$2,553.94
Cr Yildiz	\$40.95	-	\$1,595.00	\$3,147.91	\$1,573.67	-	\$831.91	\$7,189.44

Allowances

Our mayor and councillors are entitled to receive an allowance while performing their duties as elected officials. Council reviewed the mayor and councillor allowances before 30 June in the year following the council election. This was required by the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Council set the allowances at the top of the range for a category 3 council. This was because of the complexity of the issues to be determined by Council and the significant expectations on councillors. This allowance level was in effect for the full Council term.

The Minister for Local Government applied an annual adjustment to the allowances set. The last adjustment made by the Minister was a 2% increase which came into effect on 1 December 2019.

The allowances paid to our mayor and councillors are:

	Allowance	Superannuation guarantee (9.5%)	Total
Mayor	\$100,434	\$9,039.06	\$109,473.06
Councillors	\$31,444	\$2,987.18	\$34,431.18

The responsibility for determining mayoral and council allowances is changing. This is due to the *Local Government Act 2020* (the 'Act'). This responsibility will be transferred to the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (VIRT). This will take place once VIRT has been directed by the Minister for Local Government to conduct their first review on allowances. Preparation is underway at the VIRT for the first review of allowances under the new Act.