

Register of Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality - Councillors

Date of offer/receipt	Recipient of gift/offer	Approximate value of offer/gift	Description of the offer/gift	Who was the offer/gift received from?	Reason	At what setting was the gift/offer received? At a function, over the counter?	What, if any, is the relationship with the service provider?	Declined or retained by Recipient?
17/09/2025	Cr Liz Irvin	\$48	Attendance at a ticketed event to speak on a panel, accompanied by minor hospitality.	Transport Professionals Australia	Invitation to speak about my experience as a councillor on a panel	Function	None	Retained (accepted)
24/10/2025	Cr Chris Miles	\$50	\$50 food gift card	Moreland Eagles Football Club	Thank you gift	Presentation night	Sporting club in Merri-bek	Declined and returned
24/10/2025	Cr Chris Miles	\$70	Food, beanie and scarf	Moreland Eagles Football Club	Thank you gift	Presentation night	Sporting club in Merri-bek	Retained (accepted)
8/11/2025	Cr Chris Miles	\$50	Bottle of wine, coffee and biscuits	Giant Pantry	Thank you gift	Opening	Shop in Merri-bek	Retained (donated back to Council)
15/10/2025	Cr Chris Miles	\$20	Candle and chocolates	Glenroy Neighbourhood House	Thanks you gift	Carers lunch	Organisation in Merri-bek	Accepted
29/11/2025	Cr Sue Bolton	\$15	Islamic prayer mat	Australian Palestinian Community Association (APCA)	A gesture of thanks to the Merri-bek council for organising an event in recognition of the Palestinian community	It was a council-run event for the UN International Day of Solidarity with Palestine	Nil	Retained
1/12/2025	Cr Liz Irvin	\$40	Book 'It Happened in Brunswick'	Brunswick Community History Group	Book provided to Cr Irvin as pre-reading before giving a speech at the book launch	Received a copy of this book after being invited to speak at the book's launch.	Local history and advocacy group	Accepted (book retained)
13/12/2025	Cr Jay Iwasaki	\$57	Complimentary ticket to Peter Wallace Dance Industry provided for attending and providing a requested opening introduction/speech	Peter Wallace Dance Industry	Council Opening speech	Function at Peter Wallace Dance Industry	None	Attended first half of dance recital
12/12/2025	Cr Chris Miles	\$5	Lunch	Glenroy Neighbourhood House	Christmas event	Function	Neighbourhood House located in Merri-bek	Retained

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2/02/2026	Cr Liz Irvin	\$40	A mug and two brooches	Darryl Rogan - Resident	Leftover merchandise from a fundraiser	Left at council office	Resident	Retained
8/02/2026	Cr Katerine Theodosis	\$40 meal \$20 Icon and book	Meal, icon and book	Greek Orthodox Parish Of The Presentation Of Our Lord	For attending the event	Meal at an event and the icon and book in a private setting	A local Greek church	Accepted
8/02/2026	Cr Nat Abboud	\$30	Light lunch	Presentation of Our Lord, Coburg	The gift was offered to all Crs and some exec to show us the breadth of the church community on festival days	A large hall with guests seated at tables like a formal dinner function(except it was at lunch time	The church is in central Coburg	Accepted
8/02/2026	Cr Liz Irvin	\$40	Lunch at the Greek festival	The Presentation of our Lord Greek Orthodox Church	Celebrating an important occasion with community leaders	Lunch at the Greek festival	Community organisation, stakeholder	Accepted
26/02/2026	Cr Nat Abboud	\$30	Lunch	Italian Senior Citizens	Invited to share in cultural tradition of hospitality – invited the Mayor to attend their event, and assist in serving the traditional dessert to guests	Italian senior citizens lunch at town hall function	Established cultural community group within the municipality that regularly hosts monthly community lunches at the Coburg Town Hall, attended by over 100 participants.	Accepted
2/03/2026	Cr Nat Abboud	\$50	Hamper	Brunswick Private Hospital	Thank you for official opening	Opening of the Brunswick Private Hospital's treatment resistant depression clinic	Pperates in the city of Merri-bek	Retained
2/05/2026	Cr Liz Irvin	\$650	Attendance at a Regeneratice Placemaking masterclass	Village Well	Equipping councillors with more knowledge about placemaking	Meeting a presenter of the masterclass at another community event	No relationship	Declined
5/05/2026	Cr Katerine Theodosis	\$60	A sit-down lunhc at an event for the club	Avondale FC	To celebrate an annoucement for the club	A sit-down lunch with the club	Local football club	Accepted