

Register of Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality - Employees

Date of offer	Unit	Approx value of offer/ gift	Description of the offer/gift	Who was the offer/gift received from?	Reason What was the donor's reason for offering the gift, benefit or hospitality?	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?
26-Oct-23	Chief Executive Officer	\$50	Welcoming Cities Dinner - Global Celebration of Welcoming Australia, hosted by Welcoming Australia in collaboration with the Welcoming International Alliance, at Free to Feed, a not-for-profit social enterprise working with asylum seekers and refugees	Welcoming Cities (a national network of local governments and others committed to supporting and welcoming refugees), https://welcomingcities.org.au/ Free to Feed address is 205-211 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill	Share news about efforts in Australia and internationally about welcoming refugees and social inclusion. Hear from Welcoming Cities speakers and learn about Free to Feed not for profit social enterprise.	Dinner at Free to Feed social enterprise	Council is a participant in the Welcoming Cities Network. I was invited as CEO of Merri-bek Council.	Retained (attended)
30-Nov-23	Chief Executive Officer	\$20-25	Attendance at official opening of Davidson Search & Advisory new offices	Davidson Search and Advisory	Opportunity to hear from Deputy Premier, office opening and celebration, promoting networking	A work function - including speeches from the Deputy Premier, the CEO Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and from Davidson representatives	Davidson provides executive recruitment services, including (from time to time) for senior positions at Merri-bek	Retained (attended)
1-Dec-23	Amenity and Compliance	\$55	Hamper with Bite - Gourmet wine voucher	Nation Wide Towing	Unknown. We have an ongoing contract until the end of 2025	Over the counter	Doner is a contractor, no contact outside monthly meeting	Retained
7-Dec-23	Place and Environment	\$28	1 Book – Big Little Shifts. Sustainability forum held on 7th December with other industry Sustainability leaders	The Partnership Pty Ltd, Suite 122, 33 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000	Sustainability Forum	Mailed after the event	None	Retained.
14-Dec-23	City Infrastructure	Not certain	Coffee cup / plunger	Monash University, Clayton	Thanks for delivering the address (not paid)	After delivering the Graduation Ceremony Address at the Engineering Graduation Ceremony	Alumnus of the university	Retained
14-Dec-23	City Development	\$60	Bottle of wine; Christmas cake	John and Dawn Waight	Thank you gift for assistance	In office meeting	Nil. Officer investigated and finalised a complaint made.	Retained
17-Dec-23	Chief Executive Officer	\$50 \$10	Ticket to Gala dinner Yellow scarf presented on stage	Help Himalayan Youth Foundation	Community organisation within the municipality, and advocate for Yetis Sports Club	At the dinner	Nil	Retained

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19/12/2023	City Strategy and Economy	\$20	6 mini cheesecakes and cherry ripe slice	Simon Mavropoulos - Terry's Cakes	They attended a regular business meeting to discuss a new proposal in Central Coburg to find out more about the CCBA marketing body. They run a cake shop and have previously participated in other events run by Council.	Meeting at the Civic Centre	Local business	Retained
21-Dec-23	City Services	? Looks expensive	Glass vase	Anastasia (Sylvie) Ismahil	Gift	Left wrapped as a Christmas Gift for me at Coburg Counter	I have been dealing with her as an applicant on application OHP/2023/34	Declined though she came in and left it at Coburg Counter. Checked with my Manager Catherine Dear and was advised to refuse gift as it falls into the other category. I emailed Sylvie and she will collect it from Coburg Counter today 22/12/23
27-Feb-24	Place and Environment	\$70	Invitation to attend Iftar	Bachar Houli Foundation	Unknown	Emailed	No relationship	Declined
27-Feb-24	Community	\$70	Invitation to Bachar Houli Foundation Iftar	Bachar Houli Foundation	Unknown	Emailed	No relationship	Declined
16-Apr-24	Chief Executive Officer	\$30	Invitation to breakfast on Day 1 of the annual LGPro Conference as a member of the board	Telstra	Seminar and discussion on 'Emerging Technology & AI - What does this mean for local government?'	Breakfast event at the MCG hosted by Telstra for local government executives as part of the LGPro 2024 Annual Conference	Personal contract with Telstra. Telstra is also a sponsor of the LGPro 2024 Annual Conference	Retained
23-Apr-24	Aged and Community Support	\$6	Block of chocolate and bag of pasta	Mohsen Hanna	Thank you gift	During a home visit	Recipient provides a care finder service to Mohsen.	The gift was declined several times but Mohsen insisted as it is offensive to him if declined.
10/06/2024	Chief Executive Officer	\$50	Dinner and networking drinks at Wilma Restaurant	Technology One Corp	Networking opportunity among Local Government during the 2024 National General Assembly in Canberra	Restaurant	None	Declined