

Declaration of Councillor Expenses – January 2026

Councillor Allowances and Expenses

The following pages set out the expenses incurred by each Councillor in the following categories:

Councillor Allowance includes statutory allowances for the Mayor and Councillors, inclusive of a provision paid in recognition of the fact that Councillors do not receive superannuation.

Conference and Training includes any registration fees, accommodation and meal costs associated with attendance or participation in conferences, training or professional development programs.

Travel includes cabcharge / taxi fares, Mayoral vehicle at standard charge out rate, public transport / myki costs, airfares, rail and bicycle reimbursements associated with Council business related travel.

Car Mileage includes reimbursement to Councillors for kilometres travelled in their private vehicles associated with Council business related travel.

Child and Family Care include payments for necessary childcare arrangements incurred to attend: Council and Special Council Meetings, Council Briefings, ceremonial functions, events and occasions agreed by the Chief Executive Officer or resolution of Council.

Information and Communication Technology includes the monthly fees and usage costs associated with mobile telephones, tablets and internet charges.

Councillor Attendances

In addition to regular Council Meetings and Councillor briefings, Councillors attend meetings as Councillor appointed representatives of delegated, advisory and external boards and committees.

Details of Councillor Representative appointments is available [here](#).

Note: All expenses are exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) where applicable.

Cr Libby Buckingham

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$3,230.16
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$170.28
TOTAL	\$3,400.44

Cr Louise Crawford

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$3,230.16
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$3,260.16

Cr Heather Cunsolo

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$3,230.16
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$3,300.16

Cr Justin Halliday

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$3,230.16
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$3,260.16

Cr Rod Hardy

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$3,230.16
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$3,270.16

Cr Beti Jay

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$3,230.16
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$3,260.16

Cr Alex Makin (Mayor)

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$11,255.30
Conferences and Training	
Travel	\$95.22
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$11,390.52

Cr Bryan Mears (Deputy Mayor)

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$5,627.62
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$99.32
TOTAL	\$5,726.94

Cr Serge Thomann

incurred the following expenses during the month January:

Expense	Value
Councillor Allowance	\$3,230.16
Conferences and Training	
Travel	
Car Mileage	
Child and Family Care	
Information and Communication Technology	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$3,270.16