

## Councillor Expenses

The *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to reimburse Councillors for expenses incurred whilst performing their duties as a Councillor. Council is also required to adopt and maintain a policy in relation to the reimbursement of expenses for Councillors. The policy provides guidance for the payment of reimbursements of expenses and the provision of resources, facilities and other support to the Mayor and Councillors to enable them to discharge their duties. The Policy is published on Council's website. Council also publishes in its Annual Report the details of the expenses, including reimbursement of expenses for each Councillor by Council. The details of the expenses for the combined periods of 1 July to 30 September 2018 (Quarter 1), 1 October to 31 December 2018 (Quarter 2) and 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019 (Quarter 3) are set out in table below.

COUNCILLOR	Travel \$	Car Mileage \$	Child Care \$	Information and Communication	Conferences and Training \$	TOTAL \$
Cr Alessi	\$321.00	\$328.34	\$0.00	\$1,960.58	\$0.00	\$2,609.92
Cr Cox	\$1,216.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$641.86	\$1,858.32
Cr Desiato	\$18.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,262.80	\$470.00	\$1,751.49
Cr Joseph	\$319.97	\$415.80	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$1,835.00	\$2,650.77
Cr Kelly	\$21.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$808.70	\$280.00	\$1,110.33
Cr Kirkham	\$207.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,865.28	\$195.00	\$2,267.97
Cr Kozmevski	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,142.72	\$0.00	\$1,142.72
Cr Lalios	\$93.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$533.74	\$1,820.34	\$2,448.06
Cr Monteleone	\$674.35	\$177.48	\$0.00	\$1,595.49	\$3,445.81	\$5,893.13
Cr Pavlidis	\$348.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,190.89	\$969.00	\$2,508.44
Cr Sterjova	\$803.53	\$2,143.30	\$0.00	\$861.73	\$11,356.00	\$15,164.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,025.85</b>	<b>\$3,064.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,301.93</b>	<b>\$21,013.01</b>	<b>\$39,405.71</b>

## Expense Categories

- 1. Conferences and Training** (*costs incurred under this category may include those relating to the participation of partners in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Resources Policy and associated Guidelines*)

This category covers registration fees associated with attendance by councillors at conferences, seminars and one-off or short-term training courses. These are normally held by local government related organisations, professional bodies and institutions, educational institutions and private sector providers on subjects which impact on the role of councillors and the City of Whittlesea in general. These expenses also comprise of costs associated with accommodation and meals for any interstate conference or training session.

- 2. Travel** (*costs incurred under this category may include those relating to the participation of partners in accordance with the Policy and Guidelines*)

This category covers costs associated with supporting councillors to meet the transport costs incurred in attending meetings, functions and other commitments within and outside the municipality. This comprises use of taxi service, myki cards, car parking fees, the provision of car parking permits and air fares as provided for in the Policy and Guidelines.

### **3. Information & Communication Technology**

This category covers communication costs associated with ensuring that councillors are accessible and are able to communicate with constituents, stakeholders, other Councillors, Council officers and family members while conducting Council business. This category comprises of all costs associated with the use of mobile phones, home phones and internet services.

### **4. Car Mileage**

This category covers reimbursements for Councillors who use their private vehicle while conducting Council business as provided for in the Policy and Guidelines.

### **5. Child Care**

The Council will reimburse the cost of necessary carer expenses incurred by councillors in the course of carrying out their duties. This covers child care and other forms of care needed to support dependent family members.