

COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

Information Sheet
November 2013

This information sheet explains the process for setting of councillor allowances. Allowances for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors are adjusted annually by an inflationary factor. Information is provided on the allowances payable from 1 November 2013 .

Legislative Basis

Section 340(2A) of the *Local Government Act 1993* entitles councillors to allowances as prescribed in regulations. Mayors and deputy mayors are entitled to allowances in addition to those payable to them as councillors.

Regulation 42(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005* specifies the allowances payable to councillors and mayors and deputy mayors following the last review in 2008. The allowances payable from 1 November 2008 are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Regulation 42(2) establishes an indexation process so that allowances are adjusted from 1 November each year by multiplying the allowances for the previous year by the inflationary factor for the current year.

Indexation

The WPI figure is interpreted in the Regulations as being derived from the Labour Price Index, Australia: WPI All Groups [Sectors] Tasmania published by the Australian Statistician under the authority of the *Commonwealth Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

This information can be found on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at www.abs.gov.au.

The ABS Labour Price Index, Australia (catalogue 6345.0) shows the relevant WPI for the 12 months ending June 2013 to be 2.9%.

The Regulations provide for the product of this equation to be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

The accompanying table shows the allowances payable from 1 November 2013.

The Premier's Local Government Council agreed in September 2011 that a full review of councillor allowances would occur no later than 2014.

Payment

Regulation 42(3) requires the annual allowance to be paid in monthly or fortnightly instalments.

Section 340A(2A) of the *Local Government Act* requires that allowances be paid in arrears.

Foregoing Allowance

Section 340A (3) of the Act enables a councillor, mayor or deputy mayor to decide not to receive part or all of an allowance. Where this prerogative is exercised, the General Manager is to be notified in writing. As the allowances are annual allowances payable monthly or fortnightly in arrears any such notification is not revokable retrospectively.

Reporting

Section 72(1)(cb) of the Act requires each council to include in its annual report a statement of the total allowances and expenses paid to the mayor, deputy mayor and councillors.

Indexed allowances payable to elected members from 1 November 2013

Council	Allowance for Councillors	Additional allowance for Deputy Mayors	Additional allowance for Mayors
Hobart City	32427	20942	81069
Launceston City	32427	20942	81069
Clarence City	26252	18240	65628
Glenorchy City	26252	18240	65628
Kingborough	26252	18240	65628
Burnie City	19881	15539	49703
Central Coast	19881	15539	49703
Devonport City	19881	15539	49703
West Tamar	19881	15539	49703
Brighton	13512	12835	33778
Huon Valley	13512	12835	33778
Meander Valley	13512	12835	33778
Northern Midlands	13512	12835	33778
Sorell	13512	12835	33778
Waratah-Wynyard	13512	12835	33778
Break O'Day	11293	10809	28234
Circular Head	11293	10809	28234
Derwent Valley	11293	10809	28234
Dorset	11293	10809	28234
George Town	11293	10809	28234
Latrobe	11293	10809	28234
Glamorgan-Spring Bay	9510	9458	23775
Kentish	9510	9458	23775
Southern Midlands	9510	9458	23775
West Coast	9510	9458	23775
Central Highlands	8322	8783	20803
Flinders	8322	8783	20803
King Island	8322	8783	20803
Tasman	8322	8783	20803

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