

# Fees, Expenses or Allowances Paid to Each Council Member

Year Ending - 30 June 2024

*Local Government Act 1995*

*Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*

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## 1. Register of Fees, Expenses and Allowances Paid to Council Members

*Local Government Act 1995 S.5.96A. Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 r.29C(f).*

This register is updated to the Shire of Murray Website no later than the 14 July each year, pursuant to *Local Government Act 1995, s.5.96A and Regs 29C(2)(f) & (6) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.*



**This register includes any fees, expenses or allowances paid to each council member during the financial period of:**

**1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.**

Council Member	Shire President* and Deputy Shire President** Allowance	Meeting Attendance Allowance	ICT Allowance	Child Care Expenses	Travel Expenses	Total
Cr. David Bolt	\$38254.00	\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$58795.00
Cr. Douglas McLarty**	\$9564.00	\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$30,105.00
Cr. Geoff Black		\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$20,541.00
Cr. Stuart Kirkham		\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$20,541.00
Cr. David Pike		\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$20,541.00
Cr. Stewart Carter		\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$20,541.00
Cr. Ange Rogers		\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$20,541.00
Cr. Steve Lee		\$16,941.00	\$3,500.00		\$100.00	\$20,541.00
Cr. Nicole Willis		\$11,750.00	\$2,427.00		\$100.00	\$14,277.00

## 2. Legislative Requirements

### *Local Government Act 1995*

#### **5.96A. Information published on official website**

- (1) The CEO must publish the following information on the local government's official website, unless it would be contrary to subsection (2) to do so —
  - (a) a map of the district showing the district boundaries and, if the district is divided into wards, the ward boundaries;
  - (b) an up-to-date consolidated version of any local law made by the local government in accordance with section 3.12 that is in force;
  - (c) the annual budget;
  - (d) an up-to-date list of fees and charges, imposed under section 6.16;
  - (e) current plans for the future of the district made under section 5.56;
  - (f) confirmed minutes of council or committee meetings;
  - (g) minutes of electors' meetings;
  - (h) notice papers and agenda relating to council or committee meetings and reports and other documents that have been —
    - (i) tabled at a council or committee meeting; or
    - (ii) produced by the local government or a committee for presentation at a council or committee meeting and that have been presented at the meeting;
  - (i) information of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this subsection or required by another provision of this Act to be published on the website.
- (2) The CEO must not publish information referred to in subsection (1)(f) or (h) if the meeting or that part of the meeting to which the information refers was closed to members of the public.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to information —
  - (a) that is a record of decisions made at a council or committee meeting; or
  - (b) of a kind prescribed as being information that can be published despite subsection (2).
- (4) The CEO must ensure that the following information is not published on the local government's official website —
  - (a) rate records;
  - (b) the register of owners and occupiers, under section 4.32(6) and electoral rolls;
  - (c) information of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (5) Regulations may specify the period for which information referred to in subsection (1) must be kept on the local government's official website, and may specify different periods for different kinds of information.

*[Section 5.96A inserted: No. 16 of 2019 s. 47.]*

*Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*

**29C. Information to be published on official website (Act s. 5.96A(1)(i))**

(1) In this regulation —

**annual return** means a return required by section 5.76;

**oversight entity** means any of the following —

- (a) the Corruption and Crime Commission established under the *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003*;
- (b) an Inquiry Panel;
- (c) the Public Sector Commissioner;
- (d) a Royal Commission;
- (e) the State Administrative Tribunal;

**primary return** means a return required by section 5.75.

(2) For the purposes of section 5.96A(1)(i), the following information is prescribed —

- (a) any adverse recommendation made by an authorised person under section 8.13(2) and provided to the local government in respect of the local government, its council, a council member or the CEO;
- (b) any adverse finding, recommendation or proposition made by an oversight entity and made available to the public in respect of the local government, its council, a council member or the CEO;
- (c) an up-to-date version of each policy of the local government;
- (d) the name of each council member who lodged a primary return or annual return for a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020;
- (e) the position of each employee who lodged a primary return or annual return for a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020;
- (f) the type, and the amount or value, of any fees, expenses or allowances paid to each council member during a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020.

(3) An adverse recommendation referred to in subregulation (2)(a) must be published on the local government's official website within 14 days after the adverse recommendation is provided to the local government.

(4) An adverse finding, recommendation or proposition referred to in subregulation (2)(b) must be published on the local government's official website within 14 days after the finding, recommendation or proposition is made available to the public.

(5) The information referred to in subregulation (2)(d) and (e) must be published on the local government's official website —

- (a) if the return is lodged with the local government on or before 31 August immediately following the financial year to which the return relates — on or before 14 September immediately following the end of that financial year; or

- (b) if the return is lodged with the local government after 31 August immediately following the financial year to which the return relates — within 14 days after the return is lodged with the local government.
- (6) The information referred to in subregulation (2)(f) must be published on the local government's official website on or before 14 July immediately following the end of the financial year to which the information relates.

*[Regulation 29C inserted: SL 2020/213 r. 24.]*

#### **29D. Period for which information to be kept on official website (Act s. 5.96A(5))**

For the purposes of section 5.96A(5), a period of not less than 5 years, beginning on the day on which the information is first published on the local government's official website, is prescribed for the following information —

- (a) the annual report;
- (b) the annual budget;
- (c) confirmed minutes of council and committee meetings;
- (d) minutes of electors' meetings;
- (e) information referred to in section 5.96A(1)(h);
- (f) information referred to in regulation 29C(2).

*[Regulation 29D inserted: SL 2020/213 r. 24.]*

#### *Salary and Allowance Act 1975*

#### **7B. Determinations as to fees and allowances of local government councillors**

- (1) In this section —

***elected council member*** means a person elected under the *Local Government Act 1995* as a member of the council of a local government.

- (2) The Tribunal is to, from time to time as provided by this Act, inquire into and determine —
  - (a) the amount of fees, or the minimum and maximum amounts of fees, to be paid under the *Local Government Act 1995* to elected council members for attendance at meetings; and
  - (b) the amount of expenses, or the minimum and maximum amounts of expenses, to be reimbursed under the *Local Government Act 1995* to elected council members; and
  - (c) the amount of allowances, or the minimum and maximum amounts of allowances, to be paid under the *Local Government Act 1995* to elected council members.
- (3) Section 6(2) and (3) apply to a determination under this section.

*[Section 7B inserted: No. 2 of 2012 s. 39.]*

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