

## **Councillor Allowances – updated June 2025**

### **Recalculation of allowances**

There was a recalculation of and increase in councillor allowances that occurred when the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025* (the Regulations) were remade in 2025.

**The increased amounts for councillor allowances in Table 1 below are to be used to pay councillors from 24 June 2025 until allowances are adjusted by an inflationary factor on 1 November 2025, as per the usual annual process.**

The remake of the Regulations provided an opportunity to recalculate councillor allowances to better align for national superannuation practices. In 2014 councillor allowances expressly included an additional 9% to make up for the lack of legislated superannuation. Following recalculation, councillor allowances now include a 12% component which equates to the Australian Government's 2025 Superannuation Guarantee.

### **Councillor allowance annual process**

#### **Legislative basis**

Section 340A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) 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 49(2) of the Regulations specifies the allowances payable to councillors, mayors, and deputy mayors. Regulation 49(3) entitles deputy mayors to receive the allowance payable to the mayor when they act in the role for four consecutive weeks or more.

The allowances payable are set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

#### **Indexation**

Regulation 49(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.

The inflationary factor is calculated using the Australian Bureau of Statistic's Wage Price Index (WPI) for Tasmania. The Department of Treasury and Finance references this data in its WPI information sheet each quarter which can be found on Treasury's website: [www.treasury.tas.gov.au/economy/economic-data/economic-data-releases-for-tasmania](http://www.treasury.tas.gov.au/economy/economic-data/economic-data-releases-for-tasmania).

The formula for arriving at the inflationary factor is:

(Current Tasmanian June quarter WPI) divided by (Previous Tasmanian June quarter WPI)

Table 1 shows the allowances payable from 24 June 2025. These are rounded to the nearest whole dollar, consistent with the Regulations.

## Payment

Regulation 49(3) requires the annual allowance to be paid in monthly or fortnightly instalments. Section 340A(2A) of the 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.

## Allowances payable to councillors

Table 1: Councillor allowances 24 June 2025

| <b>Council</b>    | <b>Allowance for councillors</b> | <b>Additional allowance for deputy mayors</b> | <b>Additional allowance for mayors</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Hobart City       | \$44,959                         | \$29,036                                      | \$112,399                              |
| Launceston City   | \$44,959                         | \$29,036                                      | \$112,399                              |
| Clarence City     | \$36,398                         | \$25,290                                      | \$90,989                               |
| Glenorchy City    | \$36,398                         | \$25,290                                      | \$90,989                               |
| Kingborough       | \$36,398                         | \$25,290                                      | \$90,989                               |
| Devonport City    | \$27,563                         | \$21,544                                      | \$68,911                               |
| Central Coast     | \$27,563                         | \$21,544                                      | \$68,911                               |
| West Tamar        | \$27,563                         | \$21,544                                      | \$68,911                               |
| Burnie City       | \$27,563                         | \$21,544                                      | \$68,911                               |
| Huon Valley       | \$18,734                         | \$17,795                                      | \$46,831                               |
| Meander Valley    | \$18,734                         | \$17,795                                      | \$46,831                               |
| Sorell            | \$18,734                         | \$17,795                                      | \$46,831                               |
| Brighton          | \$18,734                         | \$17,795                                      | \$46,831                               |
| Waratah-Wynyard   | \$18,734                         | \$17,795                                      | \$46,831                               |
| Northern Midlands | \$18,734                         | \$17,795                                      | \$46,831                               |
| Latrobe           | \$15,657                         | \$14,986                                      | \$39,145                               |
| Derwent Valley    | \$15,657                         | \$14,986                                      | \$39,145                               |

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Circular Head        | \$15,657                         | \$14,986                                      | \$39,145                               |
| Break O'Day          | \$15,657                         | \$14,986                                      | \$39,145                               |
| Dorset               | \$15,657                         | \$14,986                                      | \$39,145                               |
| George Town          | \$15,657                         | \$14,986                                      | \$39,145                               |
| Glamorgan-Spring Bay | \$13,185                         | \$13,113                                      | \$32,963                               |
| Southern Midlands    | \$13,185                         | \$13,113                                      | \$32,963                               |
| Kentish              | \$13,185                         | \$13,113                                      | \$32,963                               |
| West Coast           | \$13,185                         | \$13,113                                      | \$32,963                               |
| Tasman               | \$11,537                         | \$12,177                                      | \$28,842                               |
| Central Highlands    | \$11,537                         | \$12,177                                      | \$28,842                               |
| King Island          | \$11,537                         | \$12,177                                      | \$28,842                               |
| Flinders             | \$11,537                         | \$12,177                                      | \$28,842                               |

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