

FEES & CHARGES ANALYSIS

Each year Council's fees and charges are reviewed as part of the budget process. Existing fees and charges have been increased in line with cost increases, market levels, changes in supply and demand for services and the user pay principles. Council has a continuing commitment to ensure its services are priced fairly to allow for maximum community participation, whilst meeting National Competition Policy requirements for services subject to competition.

Discretionary Fees and Charges

The major movements in Council's discretionary fees and charges include:

City Services

- Fees for waste disposal at the North Geelong and Drysdale transfer stations have increased from \$21.50 to \$22.00 for a car boot. Single Axle trailers have increased by \$1.00 to \$43.50 and heaped single axle trailers have increased by \$1.50 to \$57.
- The fee for commercial collection of an extra bin has increased from \$162.60 to \$195.10, \$32.50 increase in price.

Planning and Development

- Desexed and microchipped dogs have increased from \$40.40 to \$41.40. The pensioner desexed and microchipped dog fees have increased from \$20.20 to \$20.70. Desexed dog fees have increased from \$56.75 to \$58.15. Full fees for the registration of a dog have increased by \$4.50 from \$182.85 to \$187.35. The pensioner full fee for the registration of a dog has increased by \$2.52 to \$93.95.
- Cat fees for a desexed and microchipped cat have increased by \$0.75 to \$31.80. Pensioner fees for a desexed and microchipped cat have increased by \$0.40 from \$15.50 to \$15.90. Desexed cat fees have increased by \$1.20 to \$49.00. The pensioner fee for a desexed cat has increased by \$0.60 from \$23.90 to \$24.50.
- Animal pound release fees for dogs and cats have decreased from \$180.00 to \$80.00. The reduction in the release fee is to encourage a higher reclaim rate.
- Health temporary premises (high risk) permits have increased from \$457.00 to \$487.00. Food vending machine permits have increased from \$64.00 to \$68.00. Food Act - fast track inspection fees have increased from \$200.00 to \$220.00 to reflect the actual cost associated with issuing the permit.
- Street parking fees for 2018-19 will increase from \$2.80 to \$2.90 per hour.
- The annual fee for a car parking permit at Haymarket car park has increased by \$36.40 to \$1,491.40. Busport and Civic Centre parking reserved permits have increased by \$62.00 to \$2,535. Busport and Civic Centre parking unreserved permits have increased by \$46.00 to \$1,880.00. Wesley car parking permits have increased \$35.40 to \$1,491.40. Permit parking for Corio Street and Brougham Street have increased \$36.40 to \$1,491.40. Corio Street casual parking has increased from \$10.70 to \$10.80. Little Ryrie OSCP Parking Permits have increased \$50.00 to \$2,090.00.

Community Life

- There has been a review of hourly hall rate to bring the fee in line with similar hall hire in other venues. The hourly rate has increased by \$4.50 per hour.
- Meals on Wheels to Council clients will increase 25¢ to \$9.305 per meal. Full cost meals to agencies will increase by 40¢ to \$21.45.

- Fees for personal care will increase from \$5.80 to \$6.00. Respite care will increase from \$4.40 to \$4.60 and general care will increase from \$6.20 to \$6.30.
- Occasional care fees at Council's childcare facilities and integrated children centres will increase by \$9.00 from \$56.00 to \$65.00 for 5 hours.
- School holiday program fees will increase from \$58.00 to \$68.00.
- Long Day Care fees are increasing 6.1% across most childcare facilities and integrated children centres. Ariston, Boorai and Leopold weekly fees will increase from \$540.00 to \$573.00. Belmont and Drysdale will increase from \$534.50 to \$567.00. Corio and Whittington will increase from \$528.00 to \$567.00.
- Kindergarten fees are set to match the State Government subsidy and are set each calendar year rather than financial year. 4 year old kindergarten fees for July to December will remain at the current charge of \$1,505.00, January to June will increase to \$1,542.00. 3 year old kindergarten fees for 3.5 hours for July to December will remain at the current charge of \$1,169.00, January to June will increase to \$1,198.00.
- Hire of the Arena auditorium hire for community groups has increased by 4.6% from \$2,820.00 to \$2,950.00. The commercial rate hire per day for the auditorium has increased from \$4,700.00 to \$4,850.00.
- A leisure centre family memberships has increased by \$108.00 to \$1,788.00. Active adult 12 month memberships have increased by \$24 to \$684.00. Learn to swim fees have increased by \$0.95 to \$16.85. Webstar swim school fortnightly fees have increased from \$26.50 to \$28.50. Casual adult gym visits have increased by \$0.50 to \$17.50.
- A season ticket for the Kardinia or Lara Pool for an adult has increased from \$395.00 to \$405.00. Concession season tickets will increase by \$7.00 to \$293.00 and a family season ticket will increase by \$19.00 to \$790.00 to cover rising costs associated with running the pools.
- Annual membership fees for the Queens Park Golf Course have increased from \$5505.00 to \$565.00 for an adult. Balyang Par 3 has increased from \$360.00 to \$370.00.

Investment and Attraction

- Carousel rides are increasing by \$0.20 a ride to \$5.00 for children. Adult carousel rides have decreased by \$0.30 to \$5.00 to standardise the fees. Private bookings for 4-6 hours at the Carousel have increased by \$40.00 to \$1,800.00.
- National Wool Museum admission prices are generally increased biennially with an increase due in 2018-19. The adult general admission price increased by \$1.00 to \$10.00, child admission increased by \$1.00 to \$6.00 and family admission has remained constant at \$30.00.
- The weekly corporate rate for the hire of the Potato Shed has increased from \$8,000.00 to \$8,200.00. The daily corporate rate has increased from \$2,250.00 to \$2,500.00. Prices are generally increased biennially.

Statutory Fees and Charges

The major movements in other fees and charges (i.e. statutory charges) include:

- Building Lodgement fees have increased in line with State Government legislation. Commercial and domestic permits where the cost of works is \$5k or greater have increased from \$37.50 to \$114.85.