

## 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 \$22.00 to \$22.50 for a car boot. Single Axle trailers have increased by \$1.00 to \$44.50 and heaped single axle trailers have increased by \$1.50 to \$58.50.
- The fee for disposal of multiple animal carcasses have been decreased from \$163.80 to \$149.00. The reduction in fee is due to the classification for this waste type no longer being treated as prescribed waste.
- The fee for commercial collection of an extra bin has increased from \$195.10 to \$260.00, \$64.90 increase in price. This fee has been increased in line with competitors under competitive neutrality policy requirements.
- Reinstatements income has increased in line with a cost analysis of completing the service. Up to 10m<sup>2</sup> of deep strength asphalt has increased by \$48.40, from \$280.10 to \$328.50.
- New fees have been added in 2019-20 for a new visitor facility opening in the Botanic Gardens. 2 hour hire will be \$145.00, half day hire \$285.00, full day hire \$570.00.

#### Planning, Design and Development

- Desexed and microchipped dogs have increased from \$41.40 to \$42.40. The pensioner desexed and microchipped dog fees have increased from \$20.70 to \$21.20. Desexed dog fees have increased from \$58.15 to \$59.60. Full fees for the registration of a dog have increased by \$4.65 from \$187.35 to \$192.00. The pensioner full fee for the registration of a dog has increased by \$2.05 to \$96.00.
- Cat fees for a desexed and microchipped cat have increased by \$0.80 to \$32.60. Pensioner fees for a desexed and microchipped cat have increased by \$0.40 from \$15.90 to \$16.30. Desexed cat fees have increased by \$1.20 to \$50.20. The pensioner fee for a desexed cat has increased by \$0.60 from \$24.50 to \$25.10.
- Transfer of food registrations have increased by \$65.00 to \$430.00 and Food Act fast track inspection fees have increased from \$220.00 to \$250.00 to reflect the actual cost associated with issuing the permits.
- Street parking fees for 2019-20 will increase from \$2.90 to \$3.00 per hour.
- The annual fee for a car parking permit at Haymarket car park has increased by \$764.60 to \$2,256.00. Busport and Civic Centre parking reserved permits have increased by \$345.00 to \$2,880.00. Busport and Civic Centre parking unreserved permits have increased by \$376.00 to \$2,880.00. Wesley car parking permits have increased \$764.60 to \$2,256.00. Permit parking for Corio Street and Brougham Street have increased \$764.60 to \$2,256.00. Corio Street casual parking has increased from \$10.70 to \$13.00. Little Ryrie OSCP Parking Permits have increased \$166 to \$2,256.00.
- Statutory planning written requests for information have increased from \$110.00 to \$150.00 in line with the costs associated with providing the service.

- Building fees have increased based on the construction cost fee scale with the complexity of processing the building permit application and carrying out the mandatory building inspections during the phase of the project taken into consideration. An owner builder permit for alterations and additions up to \$5,000 has increased from \$645.00 to \$770.00. A registered builder permit for alterations and additions up to \$5,000 has increased from \$537.00 to \$800.00.

### **Community Life**

- The standard hourly rate for venue hire has increased from \$35.50 to \$36.50. New fees have also been introduced for the addition of the Armstrong Creek East Community Hub and the Leopold Community Hub with the pricing in line with similar Council facilities available for hire.
- Community bus hire has increased from \$62.00 to \$63.50 for 24 hour hire.
- Hire of Council sporting facilities has been increased in line with stage 2 of the Fair Play Strategy. The community rate for seasonal hire summer oval 1 will increase from \$1,802.90 to \$2,772.00.
- Meals on Wheels to Council clients will remain constant at \$9.30 per meal. Full cost meals to agencies will increase by \$0.77 to \$22.22.
- Fees for personal care will increase from \$6.00 to \$7.40. Respite care will increase from \$5.35 to \$7.40 and home care will increase from \$6.20 to \$7.40. These fees are aligned with the Federal client contribution framework. Agency fees for personal & respite care during normal hours will increase \$0.57 to \$62.89.
- Occasional care fees at Council's childcare facilities and integrated children centres will increase by \$11.00 from \$65.00 to \$76.00 for 5 hours.
- School holiday program fees will increase from \$68.00 to \$74.80.
- Long Day Care fees are increasing 4.5% across most childcare facilities and integrated children centres. Ariston, Boorai, and Leopold weekly fees will increase from \$573.00 to \$598.80. Belmont, Drysdale, Corio and Whittington will increase from \$567.00.50 to \$592.50. Fees applicable to the new Child and Family Centres for Drysdale and Purnell Road will be in line with Ariston, Boorai and Leopold.
- Kindergarten fees are set to match the State Government subsidy and are set each calendar year rather than financial year. Four year old kindergarten fees for July to December will remain at the current charge of \$1,542.00, January to June will increase to \$1,580.00. Three year old kindergarten fees for 3.5 hours for July to December will remain at the current charge of \$1,198.00, January to June will increase to \$1,228.00.
- Hire of the Arena auditorium for community groups has increased by 3.1% from \$2,910.00 to \$3,000.00. The commercial rate hire per day for the auditorium has increased from \$4,850.00 to \$5,000.00.
- Leisure centre family memberships have increased by \$72.00 to \$1,860.00. Active adult 12 month memberships have increased by \$24.00 to \$708.00. Learn to swim fees have increased by \$1.05 to \$17.90. Webstar swim school fortnightly fees have increased from \$28.50 to \$30.00. Casual adult gym visits and casual adult swim visits have remained constant at \$17.50 and \$8.00 respectively. A new active adult gold membership has been introduced for members aged 55 plus to provide extended access to Council facilities in comparison to the standard Active Adult membership, this new membership fee is \$810.00.
- A season ticket for the Kardinia or Lara Pool have remained constant at \$405.00. Concession season tickets will remain at \$293.00 and a family season ticket will remain at \$790.00.
- Annual membership fees for the Queens Park Golf Course have increased from \$565.00 to \$590.00 for an adult. Balyang Par 3 has increased from \$370.00 to \$385.00.

### **Economy, Investment and Attraction**

- Carousel rides have remained at the 2018-19 price of \$5.00. Private bookings for 4-6 hours at the Carousel have increased by \$50.00 to \$1,850.00. Children's birthday parties have increased by \$5.00 to \$165.00.

- National Wool Museum admission prices are generally increased biennially with an increase due in 2020-21. The adult general admission price has been held at \$10.00, child admission \$6.00 and family admission at \$30.00.
- The weekly corporate rate for the hire of the Potato Shed (all areas) has increased from \$8,200.00 to \$8,500.00. The daily corporate rate for all areas has increased from \$2,500.00 to \$2,600.00. The daily community rate for hire of all areas has increased by \$50.00 to \$1,000.00.

### **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 \$114.85 to \$118.00.
- Subdivision property information fees have increased from \$95.00 to \$180.00. This fee is partly legislated with building regulations which has been significantly increased across all Victorian Councils.