



WUJAL WUJAL ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION POLICY

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DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	June 2024

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ORIGIN/AUTHORITY:

Local Government Act 2009 Section 177(c) Local Government Regulation 2012
Chapter 8, Part 1, Division 1

BACKGROUND

Remuneration paid to councillors is determined by the Local Government Remuneration Commission (Commission). The Commission must, before 1 December of each year, and for each category of local government, decide the maximum amount of remuneration payable from 1 July of the following year to mayors, deputy mayors and councillors of a local government in each category.

PURPOSE

The Commission (as part of its report dated 22 December 2022) determines that Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council is a Category 1 local government.

Further, the Commission has determined the per annum remuneration schedule, to apply from 1 July 2023, for Category 1 councils, as the following:

Category	Mayor	Deputy mayor	Councillor
1	\$114,801	\$66,231	\$57,400 ¹

¹For councillors in category 1 councils, a base payment of \$38,266.67 is payable for the 12 months commencing on 1 July 2023. A meeting fee of \$1,594.44 per calendar month is payable for attendance at, and participation in, scheduled meetings of council subject to certification by the Mayor and/or Chief Executive Officer.

Mayors and Deputy Mayors in category 1 Councils are to receive the full annual remuneration level.

APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council will pay the monthly meeting fee to a councillor who is absent from the monthly meeting only following approval being granted at that meeting and only for the following reasons:

1. Death of an immediate family member
2. The councillor attending other previously approved official Council business
3. Councillor or immediate family member sick

The approval will be by a formal resolution of Council.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

There is a requirement that the Councillor attend the whole of the monthly council meeting to ensure that the meeting fee is paid unless there is an extenuating circumstance that will be approved by Council.

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A COUNCILLOR'S OFFICE BECOMES VACANT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, Section 6 item 162, page 253

- (1) A councillor's office becomes vacant if the councillor:
 - (a) ceases to be qualified to be a councillor under division 1; or
 - (b) is found, on a judicial review, to be ineligible to continue to be a councillor; or
 - (c) does not comply with section 169; or
 - (d) ceases to be a councillor under section 172; or
 - (e) is absent from 2 or more consecutive ordinary meetings of the local government over a period of at least 2 months, unless the councillor is absent—
 - (i) in compliance with an order made by the conduct tribunal, the local government or the chairperson of a meeting of the local government or a committee of the local government; or
 - (ii) with the local government's leave; or
 - (iii) while the councillor is suspended under section 122, 123 or 175K; or
 - (f) resigns as a councillor by signed notice of resignation given to the chief executive officer; or
 - (g) dies; or
 - (h) becomes a local government employee.

CERTIFICATION

The Chief Executive Officer will provide the certification on the prescribed form to allow the payment of the meeting fee remuneration to councillors.

PAYMENTS

Payment of the meeting fee to councillors will be made in the Council pay run in the week immediately following the Council meeting.

The base rate (including that for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) will be paid weekly as part of the Council pay run.



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