

## CONCESSIONS OFFERED BY VICTORIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO VETERANS

The Victorian State Government has established the following benefits that are delivered through all local Councils. These are

### The Disabled Persons Parking Scheme

To obtain a permit, an applicant must submit a form to their local council with a statement from a doctor confirming their disability. A Category 1 (blue permit) allows parking in wide (wheelchair) marked bays. A Category 2 (green permit) allows parking in unmarked bays for double the normal time limit.

### Council rates concessions – PCC card holders and some Gold Card holders

A concession of 50% on local council rates, up to a specified maximum amount applies to those with a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) and to those with a Gold Card marked TPI, POW, EDA or War Widow. If this concession has not already been deducted from your local council rates notice, you may lodge an application on the standard form at your council. In 2009-10, the maximum concession available is \$184.30.

Your local Council may offer other concessions. To assist you determine what these are, the Victorian Veterans Council wrote to all Victorian local governments last year and has collated the results below. The information is correct **as at October 2009**, and provides a snapshot of local government concessions for veterans for their area, with contact details.

If your Council does not appear below, follow this [link](#) to Local Government Victoria which will give you your local government's contact telephone number. Councils wishing to update their information can call the Veterans Unit on 9208 3825.

To see what other concessions are available from the Victorian Government go to <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/concessions> and follow the prompts or call the Concessions Line on 1800 658 521 for assistance.

The Commonwealth Government also provides a range of concessions to veterans and to see your entitlements, follow the link to the Department of Veterans' (DVA) Affairs Factsheet CON02 <http://factsheets.dva.gov.au/factsheets/> which lists concessions available here in Victoria. DVA's Victorian office number is 1300 55 1918 for any enquiries or assistance.

MUNICIPALITY	STATE GOVT CONCESSION (SEE ABOVE)	COUNCIL CONCESSION as at October 2009 (Provided Specifically to Veterans)	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
Alpine Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Customer Service	5755 0555	<a href="mailto:info@alpineshire.vic.gov.au">info@alpineshire.vic.gov.au</a>
Ararat Rural City Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount.	Alistair Rowe	5355 0203	<a href="mailto:arowe@ararat.vic.gov.au">arowe@ararat.vic.gov.au</a>
Banyule City Council	✓	Concession on animal registration - varies depending on whether the animal is microchipped, desexed, particular age etc.	Matthew Tibb	9490 4267	<a href="mailto:matthew.tibb@banyule.vic.gov.au">matthew.tibb@banyule.vic.gov.au</a>
Bass Coast Shire Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount.	Danny Luna	5671 2211	<a href="mailto:d.luna@basscoast.vic.gov.au">d.luna@basscoast.vic.gov.au</a>

Bayside City Council	✓	Concessional animal desexing voucher scheme.	Malcolm Lewis	9599 4340	<a href="mailto:llewis@bayside.vic.gov.au">llewis@bayside.vic.gov.au</a>
Boroondara City Council	✓	Membership fees at recreation Centres are discounted if within certain criteria.	Chris Hurley	9278 4444	
Brimbank City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Lenna Popvki	9249 4367	<a href="mailto:lennap@brimbank.vic.gov.au">lennap@brimbank.vic.gov.au</a>
Campaspe Shire Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount to eligible concession card holders	Diane Arenshorst	5481 2224	<a href="mailto:d.arendshorst@campaspe.vic.gov.au">d.arendshorst@campaspe.vic.gov.au</a>
Cardinia Shire Council	✓	There are discounts for pensioners (including VA cardholders) for animal registrations. The discount amounts are determined each year during the budget process.	Russell Hodges	5945 4217	<a href="mailto:r.hodges@cardinia.vic.gov.au">r.hodges@cardinia.vic.gov.au</a>
Casey City Council	✓	Concession for animal registration if they hold appropriate card (Centrelink, Pensioner, War widow or TPI).	Trevor Riches, Jarrod Doake, Peter Gillieron	9705 5200	<a href="mailto:caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au">caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au</a>
Central Goldfields Shire Council	✓	Gold Card Veterans receive: Pet registrations 50% discount (cost dependant on desexing, microchipping, obedience training etc.)	Wayne Belcher	5461 0160	
Colac Otway Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Paul Carmichael	5232 9641	<a href="mailto:paul.carmichael@colacotway.vic.gov.au">paul.carmichael@colacotway.vic.gov.au</a>
Corangamite Shire Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount. Reduced home care/home maintenance fees.	Paul Coverdale	5593 7100	<a href="mailto:paul.coverdale@corangamite.vic.gov.au">paul.coverdale@corangamite.vic.gov.au</a>
Darebin City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Mike Webb	8470 8525	<a href="mailto:mailbox@darebin.vic.gov.au">mailbox@darebin.vic.gov.au</a>
East Gippsland Shire Council	✓	Council rate rebate for eligible Vet Affairs pensioners of 5% of rates additional to council rates concession.  Pet registrations 50% discount to eligible pensioners.	Lynn Ryan	5153 9541	<a href="mailto:feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au">feedback@egipps.vic.gov.au</a>
Frankston City Council	✓	Council provides free parking at any Council controlled parking area for Gold Card holders.	Stephen Olesmily	9754 1517	<a href="mailto:steve@frankston.vic.gov.au">steve@frankston.vic.gov.au</a>

Gannawarra Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Aliss Harrower	5450 9333	<a href="mailto:council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au">council@gannawarra.vic.gov.au</a>
Glen Eira City Council	✓	DVA, TPI and War Widow card holders are eligible for: reduced fees for cat and dog registrations and subsidies for de-sexing their cat or dog.	Peter Swabey	9524 3206	<a href="mailto:pswabey@gleneira.vic.gov.au">pswabey@gleneira.vic.gov.au</a>
Glenelg Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council.	Lynne McMahon	5522 2253	<a href="mailto:lmcmahon@glenelg.vic.gov.au">lmcmahon@glenelg.vic.gov.au</a>
Golden Plains Shire Council	✓	Veterans in receipt of pensions can access discounts for pet registrations	Diane Quigley	5220 7111	<a href="mailto:dquigley@gplains.vic.gov.au">dquigley@gplains.vic.gov.au</a>
Greater Dandenong City Council	✓	Concessional parking permits also available.	Jenny Kurjan	9239 5279	<a href="mailto:jkurja@cgd.vic.gov.au">jkurja@cgd.vic.gov.au</a>
Greater Geelong City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	John Macarol	5227 0725	<a href="mailto:jmacarol@geelongcity.vic.gov.au">jmacarol@geelongcity.vic.gov.au</a>
Greater Shepparton City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Jason Watts	5832 7985	<a href="mailto:council@shepparton.vic.gov.au">council@shepparton.vic.gov.au</a>
Hindmarsh Shire Council	✓	Pensioner Discount on Dog Registrations & Firewood Collection Permits.	Alison Ey, Aged and Disability Sources Coordinator	5391 1811	<a href="mailto:aey@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au">aey@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au</a>
Hobsons Bay City Council	✓	All Veterans Gold Card, TPI and War Widow card holders receive \$40 off rate account plus the Victorian Government concession.  Pet registrations 50% discount and 30% discount on de-sexing pets at vet clinics with council vouchers.			
Horsham Rural City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Bob Wynne	5382 9716	<a href="mailto:bob.wynne@hrcc.vic.gov.au">bob.wynne@hrcc.vic.gov.au</a>
Hume City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Gavin O'Keefe	9205 2200	
Indigo Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	David Montgomery	5728 8000	<a href="mailto:indigoshire@indigoshire.vic.gov.au">indigoshire@indigoshire.vic.gov.au</a>

Kingston City Council	✓	\$40 concession on rates to all ratepayers who are eligible for the Victorian Government rates concession.	Paul Franklin	1300 653 356	
Latrobe City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Gwen Hickman/ Amanda Owen	5128 5432	<a href="mailto:gwenhi@latrobe.vic.gov.au">gwenhi@latrobe.vic.gov.au</a>
Loddon Shire Council	✓	Priority & reduced fee given to DVA clients	Jude Holt	5434 1207	<a href="mailto:jholt@loddon.vic.gov.au">jholt@loddon.vic.gov.au</a>
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	✓	Recreation & Leisure: Concessions are provided for Veterans and this equates to 10% of memberships as well.  No other concessions funded by Council	Glenn Owens	5422 0333	<a href="mailto:mrrsc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au">mrrsc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au</a>
Manningham City Council	✓	Animal services: If a Veterans Affairs Cardholder - Pet registrations 50% discount and 33% discount on desexing of pet.	Rob Spargo (for rates) Errol Wilkins (for animal registration/v accinations)	9849 9212 / 9840 9412	<a href="mailto:robert.spargo@manningham.vic.gov.au">robert.spargo@manningham.vic.gov.au</a> <a href="mailto:errol.wilkins@manningham.vic.gov.au">errol.wilkins@manningham.vic.gov.au</a>
Mansfield Shire Council	✓	Pet registration discount providing the requirements of Centrelink are met.		5775 5873	<a href="mailto:council@mansfield.vic.gov.au">council@mansfield.vic.gov.au</a>
Maroondah City Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount.	Dale Muir	9249 5509	<a href="mailto:dale.muir@maroondah.vic.gov.au">dale.muir@maroondah.vic.gov.au</a>
Melton Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Shan Thuraiajah	9747 7237	<a href="mailto:shan@melton.vic.gov.au">shan@melton.vic.gov.au</a>
Mildura Rural City Council	✓	\$30 rate concession additional to the State Government concession for eligible pension/DVA cardholders who pay Council's Drainage Contribution.  Animal registration discounts available to holders of DVA and Centrelink Pensioner cards and DVA Repat Health card specifying war widow, TPI.	Craig McErvale	5018 8121	<a href="mailto:craig.mcervale@mildura.vic.gov.au">craig.mcervale@mildura.vic.gov.au</a>
Mitchell Shire Council	✓	Animal registrations for veterans holding a DVA War Widow or TPI Gold Card.  A 25% discount to card holders on all leisure centre services except learn to swim classes and childcare services.	Chris Doupe	5734 6200	<a href="mailto:chrisd@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au">chrisd@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au</a>
Moira Shire Council	✓	Council provides reduced dog registration	Bryan Mitchell	5971 9204	<a href="mailto:bmitchell@moira.vic.gov.au">bmitchell@moira.vic.gov.au</a>

Monash City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Gayle Merrill	9518 3505	<a href="mailto:gaylem@monash.vic.gov.au">gaylem@monash.vic.gov.au</a>
Moonee Valley City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Ralph Anania	9243 8718	<a href="mailto:ranania@mvcc.vic.gov.au">ranania@mvcc.vic.gov.au</a>
Moorabool Shire Council	✓	Animal Registration - card holders per State Concessions Act.	Jacinta Erdody	5366 7100	<a href="mailto:jerdody@moorabool.vic.gov.au">jerdody@moorabool.vic.gov.au</a>
Moreland City Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount.	James Scott, Director Corporate Services	9240 1116	<a href="mailto:jscott@moreland.vic.gov.au">jscott@moreland.vic.gov.au</a>
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	✓	Mornington Peninsula Shire recognise DVA Pensioner concession card, War Widow and TPI cardholders and offer concessions for these cardholders on: 1) All recreation and leisure facilities including leisure centres and pool/gym. 2) Foreshore camping (camping fees - off season only). 3) Mt Martha Public Golf course (Green fees and annual memberships) 4) Mornington Peninsula regional gallery (entry fee). 5) The Briars Historic Property. 6) Home and community care services generally subsidised by the shire (Home Care, Specific Home Care, Home Maintenance, Adult Day Care and Community Transport). 7) Animal registrations.	Kevin Clarke	5950 1340	<a href="mailto:Kevin.Clarke@mornpen.vic.gov.au">Kevin.Clarke@mornpen.vic.gov.au</a>
Moyne Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Craig Ralston	5568 0526	<a href="mailto:cralston@moyne.vic.gov.au">cralston@moyne.vic.gov.au</a>
Murrindindi Shire Council	✓	Concession is given on pet registration.	Corrienne Nichols	5772 0333	<a href="mailto:cnichols@murrindindi.vic.gov.au">cnichols@murrindindi.vic.gov.au</a>
Nillumbik Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Bill Forrest	9433 3111	<a href="mailto:nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au">nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au</a>
Pyrenees Shire Council	✓	Concession is given on pet registration	Robert Rayner	5349 1100	<a href="mailto:robert.rayner@pyrenees.vic.gov.au">robert.rayner@pyrenees.vic.gov.au</a>
South Gippsland Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Tom Lovass	5662 9323	<a href="mailto:toml@southgippsland.vic.gov.au">toml@southgippsland.vic.gov.au</a>

Southern Grampians Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Craig Beaton	5573 0435	<a href="mailto:cbeaton@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au">cbeaton@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au</a>
Stonnington City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Geoff Cockram	8290 1300	<a href="mailto:gcockram@stonnington.vic.gov.au">gcockram@stonnington.vic.gov.au</a>
Surf Coast Shire Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount.	Rob Gillett	5261 0613	<a href="mailto:rgillett@surfcoast.vic.gov.au">rgillett@surfcoast.vic.gov.au</a>
Swan Hill Rural City Council	✓	Concession on pet registrations	Bryan Donhardt	5036 2333	<a href="mailto:bdonhardt@swanhill.vic.gov.au">bdonhardt@swanhill.vic.gov.au</a>
Towong Shire Council	✓	Concession on domestic animals.	Ken Mumberson	02607151 00	
Wangaratta Rural City Council	✓	Gold Card receives same pet registration as pensioners.	Ruth Kneebone	5722 0848	
Warrnambool City Council	✓	Concessions on animal registration	Glendon Dickinson	5559 4800	<a href="mailto:gdickinson@warrnambool.vic.gov.au">gdickinson@warrnambool.vic.gov.au</a>
Wellington Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Colin Adams	5142 3457	
Wodonga City Council	✓	Pet registrations 50% discount	Kevin Scully	02 6022 9237	<a href="mailto:kscully@wodonga.vic.gov.au">kscully@wodonga.vic.gov.au</a>
Wyndham City Council	✓	Council provides a concession to veterans who have a Gold Card - with a "TPI" or "War Widows" at the bottom left hand corner for dog and cat registrations. In line with pensioner remission or pensioner registration fee.	Terry Morgan	9742 0857	<a href="mailto:terry.morgan@wyndham.vic.gov.au">terry.morgan@wyndham.vic.gov.au</a>
Yarra City Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Adrian Murphy	9205 5450	<a href="mailto:murphya@yarracity.vic.gov.au">murphya@yarracity.vic.gov.au</a>
Yarra Ranges Shire Council	✓	No additional veteran specific concessions funded by Council	Dawn Bray	1300 368 333	<a href="mailto:mail@yarraranges.vic.gov.au">mail@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</a>