

Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Register: 2025 -2026



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3/7/2025	Ombudsman	A copy of the book accompanying the exhibition entitled "Blak In-Justice - Incarceration & Resilience"	\$49.95	Heide Museum of Modern Art	No	Heide Museum	\$49.95	Accepted	The exhibition supports The Torch program which involves First Nations people in prisons creating art as a form of rehabilitation and therapy
7/7/2025	Deputy Ombudsman	Opportunity to speak at and be involved in a facilitated discussion for leaders and practitioners involved in civic technology - topic is "what will it take to embed digital thinking in government". One of ten guests from around the sector - dinner included.	\$80.00	Portable	No	Simon Goodrich, CEO	\$80.00	Accepted	Yes, opportunity to network with other civic leaders and digital transformation, and raise the profile of VO.
18/7/2025	Deputy Ombudsman, Corporate	CEO of South Gippsland Shire Council gave Andrew and I a pumpkin each as a thank you for our presentation. She had grown them at home from composted seeds.	\$0.00	N/A	No	Allison Jones, CEO	\$0.00	Accepted	Maintaining positive stakeholder relationships
21/7/2025	Deputy Ombudsman	The CEO of South Gippsland Council had grown two pumpkins from composted seeds and she gave them to Kerryn and I. It wasn't really a gift because we presented, but I thought it was still worth recording.	\$0.00	N/A	No	Allison Jones, Chief Executive Officer	\$0.00	Accepted	No
24/7/2025	Senior People and Culture Business Partner	The event held at Olympic Park is an in-person event dedicated to helping HR leaders drive agility, build skills and unlock human potential in AI powered transformation. There will be keynote speakers from various industries including Deloitte and SAP.	\$0.00	SAP and Deloitte	No	SAP HR Connect	\$0.00	Accepted	Knowledge gained from attending the workshop will assist with the VO AI Working Group and gain a better understanding of how AI in our HRIS system @VO will impact on VO.
30/7/2025	Ombudsman	A reception at Government House to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Leadership Victoria	\$50.00	Governor of Victoria	No	Governor Margaret Gardner AC	\$50.00	Accepted	Likely other Government and community stakeholders in attendance.
31/7/2025	Manager, Strategic Communications	We previous engaged Ethnolink to provide translation services for the VO website and other collateral. Each year Ethnolink hosts a translation summit, bringing together public and private sector orgs who have undertaken innovative research or projects for multicultural audiences. The event is a full day and includes lunch and morning/afternoon tea.	\$698.00	Ethnolink	Yes	Giulio Serripieri, Account Manager	\$698.00	Declined	Professional development
7/8/2025	Ombudsman	A bottle of Chateau Yering Little Yering Pinot Noir 2023	\$18.00	Melbourne Forum	No	Marianne Broadbent, Board Member	\$18.00	Surrender	No
8/8/2025	Ombudsman	Complimentary membership of the Melbourne Forum for 12 months	\$649.00	Melbourne Forum	No	Simone Goodwin on behalf of the Melbourne Forum Board	\$649.00	Declined	No
14/8/2025	Chief Information Officer	Pack containing a can of cold brew coffee, socks, chocolate and a writing pad	\$20.00	HP Enterprise	No	Compnow IT - Hewlett Packard Enterprise	\$20.00	Surrender	No

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29/8/2025	P&C Business Partner Learning & Development	The invitation was received via direct email and is limited to 1000 people. The content explores the common barriers to support, advice for supporting others (workplace). It also includes discussion pertaining to Mental Health Care Plans, EAPs, same-day support options, free digital tools, and self-care planning. Note: VO has engaged Black Dog Institute to deliver an 'in-house' mental health webinar on R U OK? Day, as the coordinator of this event, this is how I have come to receive the invite.	\$30.00	The Black Dog Institute	Yes	Caroline McLaren, Workplace Wellbeing Coordinator	\$30.00	Declined	No
2/9/2025	Ombudsman	Official launch of the Fethullah Gulen Chair followed by refreshments	\$50.00	Australian Catholic University	No	Australian Catholic University	\$50.00	Declined	No
4/9/2025	Ombudsman	Dinner at Bottega Restaurant on 13/11/25 with LG CEOs	\$150.00	LG Pro	No	Sue Wilkinson, President	\$150.00	Accepted	Strengthen stakeholder relationships
11/9/2025	Ombudsman	MB and guest invited to attend the 2025 Monash University Richard Larkins Oration delivered by Jan Adams, Secretary DFAT on 22 October at 6.30pm at Melbourne Town Hall	\$100.00	Monash University	No	Sharon Pickering, Vice Chancellor and President	\$100.00	Declined	CPD and building stakeholder relations
12/9/2025	P&C Business Partner Learning & Development	IPAA has invited all member organisations (L&D professionals/member contacts) to a 1/2-day professional networking event on 16/10/25 to learn from leading industry experts, Victorian government L&D professionals and IPAA engagement leads. Speakers will share knowledge, best practice and attendees will learn more about IPAA offerings for 2026. The event includes morning tea and lunch.	\$35.00	Institute of Public Administration Australia - Victoria (IPPA)	No	Dylan Ballarin, Member Engagement Lead	\$35.00	Accepted	The event benefits participating government departments, agencies, special bodies etc by creating an opportunity to network and share ideas, approaches etc with other L&D professional across the VPS. Attendees learn contemporary approaches to L&D being undertaken by Victoria's peak public purpose sector professional association and bring these learnings back to their own organisation and share with their colleagues.
24/9/2025	Ombudsman	Annual Dinner of the Monash University Law Review at the State Library on 13/11/24	\$100.00	Monash University Law Review	No	Editors of the Review	\$100.00	Declined	Build stakeholder relationships with the legal profession
24/9/2025	Deputy Ombudsman	Attending the 50th anniversary dinner of the Australian Law Reform Commission on 9 October, as a Commissioner of the Victorian Law Reform Commission	\$200.00	Victorian Law Reform Commission	Yes	Merrin Mason, CEO, VLRC	\$200.00	Accepted	While the benefit is principally to the VLRC, the VO also benefits as it builds the visibility of our office and enables me to network with key State and Commonwealth law reform figures and organisations.
1/10/2025	Ombudsman	Invitation to attend the Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence on 4/12/25 at Government House	\$50.00	Victorian Multicultural Commission	Yes	Vivienne Nguyen, Chair	\$50.00	Declined	Building stakeholder relationships
3/10/2025	Ombudsman	Invitation to the Melbourne Cup Eve reception at Government House on 3/11/24	\$50.00	Governor of Victoria	No	Margaret Gardner, Governor	\$50.00	Declined	Build stakeholder relationships given that there will likely be a significant number of stakeholders there.
30/10/2025	Governance Risk and Quality Lead	A casual evening of drinks and canapés where we'll also share an update on the latest exciting announcements that have come out of our global conference, ENGAGE.	\$100.00	Smartsheet	Yes	Jarrod Kinchington - Marketing	\$100.00	Declined	No

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12/11/2025	Ombudsman	Invitation to attend a boardroom luncheon to discuss how AI is shaping access to Justice - hosted by the President of the Court of Appeal and a partner from Wotton Kearney	\$110.00	Wotton Kearney	No	Richard Leder, Partner, Wotton Kearney	\$110.00	Accepted	Continuing professional development for me.
13/11/2025	Deputy Ombudsman, Corporate	Attendance at the regular LGPro CEO dinner event	\$100.00	LGPro	No	Sue Wilkinson, President, LGPro board	\$100.00	Accepted	LGPro is the peak body for local government officers in Victoria. They are a partner to VO in providing briefings, stakeholder engagement and training to local government officers.
4/12/2025	Deputy Ombudsman, Corporate	Marlo was invited as Ombudsman to attend the Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence at Government House on Thursday 4 December 2025. As Marlo is unavailable, I am attending as her delegate.	\$100.00	Victorian Multicultural Commission	Yes	Vivian Nguyen AM, Chair, Victorian Multicultural Commission	\$100.00	Accepted	This event is an important acknowledgement and celebration of the contribution of multicultural communities and agencies to Victorian society, and VO being represented aligns with our commitments to celebrating human rights and stakeholder engagement.
8/12/2025	Senior Complaints Resolution Officer	A beaded necklace and 2 packets of false eyelashes	\$60.00	N/A	No	Toni Naylor - complainant	\$60.00	Surrender	NO
8/12/2025	Deputy Ombudsman	I was provided with two tais (traditional Timorese weavings), a cap and some East Timorese coffee on my visit to the Provodor of Justice and Human Rights office - part of a personal trip to Timor Leste.	\$50.00	Provodor of Justice and Human Rights	No	Virgilio da Silva Guterres - Provodor of Justice and Human Rights.	\$150.00	Surrender	Relationship building with counterpart organisation
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11/12/2025	Ombudsman	Invitation to Government House for the Australia Day Reception on 21/1/25	\$50.00	Governor of Victoria	No	Margaret Gardner AC, Governor	\$50.00	Declined	Building stakeholder relationships
12/12/2025	Ombudsman	Invitation to Government House for the Flag Raising Ceremony on Australia Day on 26/1/25	\$50.00	Governor of Victoria	No	Margaret Gardner AC, Governor	\$50.00	Declined	Building stakeholder relationships
18/12/2025	Ombudsman	Invitation to the Red Mass 2026 to celebrate the commencement of the legal year at St Patrick's Cathedral on 27/1/26 and morning tea in the presbytery	\$50.00	Committee for the Red Mass	No	Tim McFarlane, Committee for the Red Mass	\$50.00	Declined	Many senior members of the judiciary and legal profession will be there so it is a good opportunity to develop stakeholder relationships
18/12/2025	P&C Business Partner Learning & Development	SafeTrac are hosting a product demonstration titled: 'Elevated Learning' launch event including a luncheon on 20 February 2026 at Novotel Melbourne CBD where SafeTrac will demonstrate their new approach to online learning and compliance-based training. I was invited as an L&D representative as SafeTrac are currently VO's provider of online compliance-based SCORM training modules.	\$35.00	SafeTrac Pty Ltd	Yes	Deborah Coram, CEO - SafeTrac Pty Ltd	\$70.00	Declined	No
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29/1/2026	Executive Assistant - Special Projects	3 small boxes of biscuits	\$40.00	Personal offer	No	Professor Mayumi Ohashi - Professor of Law, Sophia University, Tokyo	\$40.00	Surrender	No
2/2/2026	Ombudsman	IWD breakfast on 12/3/26 at the W Melbourne	\$75.00	SHK Consulting	No	Andrew Richards, Partner	\$75.00	Declined	No
4/2/2026	Ombudsman	Invitation to attend the 20th Annual Victorian Parliamentarians Iftar Dinner to be held on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at State Library Victoria.	\$100.00	Australian Interfaith Society	No	Tanya Deane, Project Officer	\$100.00	Declined	Building stakeholder relationships
11/2/2026	Ombudsman	Breakfast on 19/3/26 at Crowne Plaza to discuss "Future-Ready Success Stories"	\$60.00	Bendelta	No	Richard Wilson, Director, Bendelta	\$60.00	Declined	CPD (which given the paucity of our funding means we are reliant on free events such as this)
24/2/2026	Deputy Ombudsman	Ramadan Iftar Dinner hosted by Moonee Valley Legal Service	\$50.00	Moonee Valley Legal Service	No	Erin Lockington, Partner and Projects Lead	\$50.00	Accepted	Extending VO's community outreach and awareness of the VO's role
2/3/2026	Ombudsman	Invitation to Monash University "Voices in Law International Women's Day Panel and Networking Event" on 19/3/26 at Monash University Law Chambers for a panel conversation followed by drinks and networking.	\$50.00	Monash University	No	Professor Marilyn Pittard	\$50.00	Declined	CPD and professional networking
3/3/2026	Deputy Ombudsman	Invitation to an event on 20 years of the Charter of Human Rights and refreshments beforehand	\$20.00	Human Rights Law Centre	No	Caitlin Reiger, Director of Human Rights Law Centre	\$20.00	Accepted	Opportunity to discuss impact of Human Rights Charter with key stakeholders, and the role of the Ombudsman in human rights protection
6/3/2026	Deputy Ombudsman	Invitation: Launch of the Warren Centre for Civil Justice (Wednesday 29 April)	\$20.00	Monash University	Yes	Professor Steven Vaughan	\$20.00	Accepted	Networking with legal profession
6/3/2026	Ombudsman	Monash Law invitation to the launch of the Warren Centre for Civil Justice on 29/4/26 with refreshments to follow	\$50.00	Monash University	No	Professor Steven Vaughan	\$50.00	Declined	Stakeholder relationships within the legal profession
16/3/2026	Ombudsman	Invitation to attend the 30th anniversary celebration of EWOV on 23 April 2026 at Higher Ground	\$50.00	EWOV	Yes	Catherine Wolthuizen, EWOV Ombudsman	\$50.00	Declined	Maintaining stakeholder relationships
20/3/2026	Deputy Ombudsman	Box of Cadbury Favourites, packed in a Melbourne University Law Students Society tote bag	\$10.00	Melbourne University Law Student's Society	No	Bethany Blakeley	\$10.00	Accepted	Stakeholder relationship
30/3/2026	Deputy Ombudsman, Corporate	Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust is a sponsor of the Chief Executive Women Melbourne Network Dinner. Kath Oakley, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Relations, offered me a complementary ticket to the dinner. Kath is a former colleague.	\$500.00	Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust	No	Kath Oakley, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Relations, Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust	\$500.00	Declined	Professional development and networking
31/3/2026	Ombudsman	Invitation to Government House for IPAA's Garrahan Oration on 30 April at 12pm	\$50.00	IPAA	No	Governor	\$50.00	Declined	CPD and building stakeholder relationships
16/4/2026	Solicitor	At the end of the night a Leo Cussen staff member approached while we were still talking to several students with a present. Given there were multiple students around we were still talking to, I did not decline / consider it would have been embarrassing to do so.	\$44.00	Leo Cussen	No	Jacinta Foley - Careers Advisor Leo Cussens	\$44.00	Accepted	No
30/4/2026	Managing Principal Solicitor	T2 tea selection box	\$44.00	Leo Cussens	No	Jacinta Foley, Careers Advisor, Leo Cussens	\$44.00	Accepted	No

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18/5/2026	Ombudsman	Farewell drinks for Lynne Haultain at the LIV office at 140 William St on 25/6/26 from 4-6pm	\$50.00	VLF	Yes	Greg Garde, Chair	\$50.00	Accepted	Maintaining stakeholder relationships
25/5/2026	Ombudsman	174th anniversary of VAGO at Government House on 1 July 2026	\$50.00	Governor of Victoria	No	Margaret Gardner, Governor	\$50.00	Accepted	Maintaining stakeholder relationships
27/5/2026	Senior Executive Officer	Vegan Chocolate and A5 journal	\$35.00	Victorian Law Foundation	No	Victorian Law Foundation - Host of Law Week Event	\$35.00	Accepted	No
27/5/2026	Deputy Ombudsman	Vegan chocolate and A5 Notebook	\$35.00	Victorian Law Foundation	No	Victorian Law Foundation - Host of Law Week Event	\$35.00	Accept and retained	No
29/5/2026	Deputy Ombudsman	Farewell to VLF Executive Director Lynne Haultain - including refreshments	\$20.00	Victoria Law Foundation	Yes	Board and staff of VLF	\$20.00	Accepted	Networking with legal sector.
3/6/2026	Program Coordinator and Facilitator	One box of 'Celebrations' assorted chocolates.	\$10.00	Consumer Affairs Victoria	No	Steven (not sure of surname)	\$10.00	Accepted	No
15/6/2026	Chief Information Officer	Sharing an invitation to Salesforce's annual free conference in Melbourne on Wednesday June 17th at the MCEC. Join VPS digital sector community to connect, swap stories, and see how other departments are driving innovation and improving service delivery.	\$25.00	SalesForce	No	Naomi Wilson Account Executive	\$25.00	Accepted	Broader understanding of the adoption of digital technologies across the VPS and advancements in technology related to Case Management and AI
25/6/2026	Engagement, Education and Prevention Manager	Selection of 5 jars of spices and rubs by Gewurzhaus Pty Ltd	\$100.00	LGPro	No	Michelle Cox Director Sector Engagement	\$100.00	Surrender	No