

Register of Behavioural Breach Complaints (Substantiated)

(Division 3 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates)



Date complaint lodged	Elected Member	Complainant	Code of Conduct Breach	Date and Findings
19 September 2025	Cr Nige Jones	Mr James Pearson	<p><i>Clause 8(2)(b) City of Joondalup Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates</i></p> <p><i>8. Personal integrity</i> <i>(2) A council member, committee member or candidate - (b) must comply with all policies and procedures of the City.</i></p>	<p>On 13 November 2025 Cr Jones was found to have not met the standards expected as outlined in the <i>Code of Conduct</i>. On 26 August 2025, he submitted an expense claim for costs associated with attending a conference. His claim for reimbursement of an alcoholic beverage at the Crazy Horse Revue and attendance at this establishment while on City-funded travel does not meet the standards of conduct expected of a Council member.</p> <p>Cr Jones is required to complete an education course on ethical decision making and provide a written reflection on his actions within 30 days or as otherwise agreed. The written reflection was received on 19 November 2025.</p>

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24 October 2024	Cr Lewis Hutton	Mr Scott Cairns	<p><i>Clause 8(1)(a) and 8(1)(b) City of Joondalup Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates</i></p> <p><i>8. Personal integrity</i> <i>(1) A council member, committee member or candidate - (a) must ensure that their use of social media and other forms of communication complies with this code; and (b) must only publish material that is factually correct.</i></p>	<p>On 29 July 2025 Cr Hutton was found to have failed to ensure that his use of social media or other forms of communication complied with the <i>Code of Conduct</i>; and published material that was factually incorrect when on 10 October 2024 he spoke during a radio interview and published in social media factually incorrect information in relation to the waste facility managed by Mindarie Regional Council.</p> <p>Cr Hutton was required to write to the complainant to acknowledge his actions were found to be in breach of the <i>Code of Conduct</i> and apologise for them. The letter of apology was sent on 29 October 2025.</p>