

Member	John Mullahy	Electorate	Glen Waverley
Period	1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$12,802.65
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$0.00

Regulation 7 - Motor vehicle allowance	
Total amount paid to member for motor vehicle allowance	\$0.00
Member did not receive the motor vehicle allowance in the previous quarter and member has elected to receive the motor vehicle allowance for this quarter	No

Regulation 9 - Parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance	
Total amount paid to member for parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance	\$0.00
Suburb in which the member's parliamentary accommodation is located	n/a

Regulation 10 - Travel allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Town or city in which accommodation was located	Value of the accommodation
22-Jul-25	23-Jul-25	Meet with Federal representatives to discuss matters related to my electorate	\$318.00	Canberra	\$363.69
28-Oct-25	29-Oct-25	Late Parliament sitting night	\$333.75	Melbourne	\$295.00
Total number of nights for travel allowance claims			2		
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance			\$651.75		

Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Mode of transport	Value of transport
22/07/2025	23/07/2025	Meet with Federal representatives to discuss matters related to my electorate	\$414.00	Flights	\$414.00
Total number of nights for commercial transport allowance claims			1		
Total amount paid to member for commercial transport allowance			\$414.00		

Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims			0
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance			\$0.00
See attached travel report.			



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REPORT CHINA TRIP

13th to 24th September 2025

John Mullahy – Member for Glen Waverley District

Introduction

The primary objective of my visit to China from 13th to 24th September is to strengthen the Glen Waverley District's social, cultural, and economic ties with key regions and institutions. This visit will also provide an opportunity to advocate for the interests and priorities of my constituents and local stakeholders, particularly in the areas of:

- Education and Skills Development – exploring potential partnerships between local schools, TAFEs, universities, and Chinese institutions to enhance learning opportunities and cultural exchange.
- Trade and Commerce – promoting Glen Waverley's local businesses, with a focus on fostering relationships that could lead to export opportunities, investment, and innovation.
- Cultural Exchange and Community Engagement – building on the district's rich multicultural fabric by engaging with organisations and communities that share cultural ties with residents in Glen Waverley.

Itinerary

13 September -Travel

Travelled from Melbourne to Shanghai.

14 September – Shanghai

Met with Shanghai Jiaotong University Alumni Association leaders; discussed education exchange and community engagement.

Travelled from Shanghai to Beijing.

15 September – Beijing

Attended Victoria's China Strategy launch; met new VGTI Commissioner and local participants.

16 September – Suzhou and Shanghai

Travelled from Beijing to Suzhou

Visited Suzhou Industrial Park; discussed smart city planning and potential Victorian trade office.

Travelled from Suzhou to Shanghai

Attended Victoria–Shanghai business evening; promoted Victorian trade and collaboration opportunities.

17 September – Shanghai

Attended the relaunch of Vic House in Shanghai

Attended the official launch of the Victoria Tourism Campaign

18 September – Chengdu

Travelled from Shanghai to Chengdu

Visited Shudao Group; discussed investment in infrastructure.

Visited Zhu Guang Yu Hotpot, who plans to open a new Melbourne restaurant.

19 September – Deyang and Chengdu

Attended the official announcement by the Premier of purchasing new Tunnel Boring Machines for the SRL East project.

Visited Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

Visited with Chengdu No.7 Middle School to explore education partnerships.

20 September – Changsha

Travelled from Chengdu to Changsha.

Visited Zoomlion, explored manufacturing and trade links with Victoria.

Met the Da Xiang Cai Newsgroup, discussed their member enterprises' overseas trade plans.

21 September – Changsha

Visited Hunan Steel and Hunan Investment Group, explored manufacturing and trade links with Victoria.

Travelled from Changsha to Guangzhou.

22 September – Foshan / Guangzhou

Travel from Guangzhou to Foshan.

Visited the Foshan Cultural Museum Park

Travel from Foshan to Guangzhou

Visited Guangdong Teachers College of Foreign Language and Arts, discussed vocational partnerships and cultural exchange.

23 September – Guangzhou

Met representatives from Laotzu College from Hubei, China, discussed cultural tourism exchange and trade opportunities

Travelled from Guangzhou to Melbourne

24 September – Melbourne

Arrived in Melbourne

Detailed Report

13 September 2025 – Shanghai

Accommodation for Shanghai cost \$100.06.

Taxi travel from airport to hotel cost \$68.57.

14 September 2025 – Shanghai

I visited Shanghai Jiaotong University and met with the President and Vice Principal of the Jiaotong University Alumni Association in Australia. Established 30 years ago and registered in Victoria, the association supports alumni newly settled in Australia, with many members residing in the Glen Waverley District.

I acknowledged the association's valuable contribution to the roundtable my office organised on Victoria's new China Strategy and highlighted the importance of research and academic exchanges between Monash and Jiaotong Universities. Following a 2023 MOU, 150 Monash students will visit Shanghai Jiaotong University annually.

Travelled from Shanghai to Beijing on the fast train cost \$250.28.



15 September 2025 – Beijing

I attended an Education Association for International Exchange event where I witnessed the signing of MOU between educational institutions from Victoria and China.



I attended the official launch of Victoria's China Strategy, where I was pleased to see participants from my local community who had contributed to the consultation process. I also met the newly appointed VGTI Commissioner Leigh Howard, who offered to assist Victorian businesses seeking to establish operations in China.

Accommodation in Beijing cost \$439.67.

Taxi travel in Beijing cost \$25.08.



16 September 2025 – Suzhou and Shanghai

In Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, I visited the Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP), established in 1994 in partnership with Singapore. SIP is recognised internationally as a model for economic and urban development, hosting advanced industries in IT, biotech, nanotech, and AI.

Train ticket from Beijing to Suzhou cost \$152.29



I travelled from Suzhou to Shanghai. Later that day, at the “Victoria–Shanghai Evening” hosted by the Australian Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, I introduced Victoria’s business environment and discussed opportunities to strengthen bilateral trade. Many Chamber members who had participated in the China–Australia Expo in Melbourne reported positive outcomes and expressed interest in future collaborations.

Train ticket from Suzhou to Shanghai cost \$17.67.



17 September Shanghai

I attended the Victorian Wine, Food and Beverage Festival and the re-opening of the Vic House, to showcase Victorian food, fibre, and beverages and met with Victorian suppliers and Chinese distributors.



I attended the launch Visit Victoria's new Every Bit Different China tourism campaign, where the Premier launched a \$43 million campaign, along with an agreement with China's leading travel agent Trip.com to help drive more visitors from China to Victoria.



Accommodation in Shanghai cost \$348.29.

Taxi costs in Shanghai \$24.91.

Flight from Shanghai to Chengdu cost \$445.32.

18 September – Chengdu

At Shudao Group, which operates and maintains approximately 80 per cent of Sichuan’s road network, I observed large-scale transport and infrastructure projects integrating smart city design and monitoring systems. The Group indicated interest in investment opportunities in Victoria.



I also met the Zhu Guang Yu Hotpot Group, which operates more than 200 restaurants across Asia. They plan to open a Melbourne outlet later this year, creating around 50 local jobs. We discussed possible expansion into Glen Waverley and relevant Victorian government support.



At Chengdu No.7 Middle School, I toured its facilities and met with school leadership to explore potential partnerships with Victorian schools.



19 September 2025 – Deyang and Chengdu

I visited the worksite of the Chengdu to Deyang rail project where the Premier announced four new Tunnel Boring Machines for the SRL East project.



I visited Chendgu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.



Accommodation in Chengdu cost \$235.69

Taxi cost in Chengdu \$3.90.

Train from Chengdu to Changsha cost \$212.56.

20 September– Changsha

At Zoomlion, I toured its 60,000-acre industrial complex, including an automated excavator assembly line producing one unit every six minutes. The company intends to expand operations in Australia, potentially establishing a warehouse in Victoria.



Later, I met representatives from Da Xiang Cai Bao (Grand Xiang Cuisine News Group), who had visited Melbourne in 2023. We discussed Victoria's new tourism campaign and future cultural exchange opportunities.



21 September– Changsha

I visited Hunan Steel (Valin Group) and its subsidiary, Hunan Investment Group. Discussions focused on mining, advanced manufacturing, and trade expansion. They signalled plans to establish a warehouse in Australia. I highlighted Victoria's strong investment climate and business opportunities.



Accommodation in Changsha cost \$60.97.

Train ticket from Changsha to Guangzhou cost \$104.13.

22 September– Foshan and Guangzhou

In Foshan, I visited the Cultural Museum, a showcase of Lingnan culture, and participated in a lion dance and cultural workshop. The museum’s successful integration of heritage, tourism, and family-friendly activities provided valuable insights for cultural precinct planning in Victoria.



In Guangzhou, I visited Guangdong Teachers College of Foreign Language and Arts of a major vocational education institution with 40,000 students, who expressed interest in partnership opportunities with Victorian schools



23 September Guangzhou and Return to Melbourne

I also attended a traditional tea ceremony at the Laotzu College and discussed prospects for tourism and trade in Victorian including tea products under the China–Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Accommodation in Guangzhou cost \$340.85

Taxi travel in Guangzhou cost \$76.08



Summary

The visit successfully advanced the Glen Waverley District’s social, cultural, and economic connections with key regions and institutions across China. It strengthened engagement in priority sectors — including education, skills development, infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, tourism, and culture — aligning closely with Victoria’s new China Strategy. Importantly, it reinforced the enduring people-to-people links between Victoria and China, reflecting the strong cultural and community ties shared by many residents of the Glen Waverley District. The visit also identified fresh opportunities for collaboration and exchange, particularly in education, innovation, and local business partnerships that can deliver long-term benefits for both communities.