



**MINUTES OF MEETING
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 26 November 2014**

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Cr Alan Le Surf
The Mayor Jean Hay AM

Councillor (Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

John O'Brien	Community Member
Laura Currie	Community Member
Diane Sullivan	Community Member
Suzanne Smith	Community Member
Elaine Kent	Community Member
Tatsuko Ryan	Community Member
Tomoko Waters	Community Member
Hugh Clarke	Community Member
Anthony Foster	Community Member
Christine Richardson	Japanese Teacher, Mackellar Girls Campus
Liberty Campbell	Japanese Teacher, St Paul's College
Wayne Collins	Community Member
Judi Mudge	Community Member
Peter Stephens	Community Member

Council Staff

Trish O'Grady	Executive Assistant & Protocol Officer
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Sister Cities Committee** met on Wednesday 26 November to consider matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.00pm in the Training Room.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies: Amanda Kibby, Sumiyo Mimori,
Sue O'Brien, Trevor Schwab, Lyn Schwab, Yoko Sullivan,
Mitch Garth, Helen Foster

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Sister Cities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22 October have been adopted by Council at its meeting held Monday 10 November.

Recommendation

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 4 Friendship City and Sister City Projects/Exchanges

4.1 Taito-ku, Japan

No activity to report.

4.2 Odawara Japan

Exchange Report

- Report provided by the 3 chaperones to Committee members for information. Comments in the report will be taken into consideration during preparation for the 2015 Exchange.
- **Feedback Form**
Received from Yoko Sullivan. Student comments discussed by the Committee and will be taken into consideration during itinerary planning for 2015.

The Committee thanked the 2014 Chaperones, Diane Sullivan, Yoko Sullivan and Peter Stephens for the excellent work and attention to detail when acting as Chaperones for the 2014 Exchange.

Special mention was made of Yoko Sullivan's contribution in Japan with the work she carries out in the lead up to the Exchange, her assistance during the Exchange and also her work with the Odawara staff at the conclusion.

The Report & Feedback were received and noted by the Committee

25th Anniversary Visit to Odawara

- Correspondence noted from Odawara regarding a Committee visit either during the Exchange or late October/early November.
Interest was expressed from Committee members regarding a visit to Odawara in late October to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Manly Odawara Exchange Programme.

Trish O'Grady to advise Odawara regarding the intention of some members to visit Odawara late October 2015.

4.3 Jing'an, China

There were no matters to report.

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

Thank you letter from Mayor Eo received and noted.

4.5 Gunnedah, Australia

The Chair advised that Council at its meeting held on 10 November resolved that an amount of \$1,500 from the Sister Cities allocated budget be contributed to the cost of the Des Mullion exhibition at Manly Art Gallery & Museum to be held 8 May to 28 June 2015.

4.6 City of Huntington Beach California USA

There were no matters to report.

Recommendation

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The end of October Financial Statement was accepted.

Recommendation

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence, In and Out tabled in folder, was noted.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Sister Cities Conference Bunbury

The Chair reported on the conference and distributed relevant information.

7.2 Further activity with Sister Cities and Friendship Cities.

Committee members discussed the rejuvenation of relationship with Taito ku. Elaine Kent proposed contact via email with Taito ku to seek interest in renewing friendship & cultural exchanges.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 February 2014.

Meeting Dates for 2015.

The proposed dates for meetings of the Sister Cities Committee for 2015 were noted by the Committee.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm