



**MINUTES OF MEETING
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 24 February 2016**

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

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

Clr Alan Le Surf

Manly Council (Chair)

REPRESENTATIVES:

Liberty Campbell

Helen Foster

Anthony Foster

Judi Mudge

John O'Brien

Sue O'Brien

Tatsuko Ryan

Suzanne Smith

Peter Stephens

Diane Sullivan

Tomoko Waters

St Paul's College Japanese Teacher

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

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COUNCIL STAFF

Trish O'Grady

Executive Assistant and Protocol Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Sister Cities Committee met on Wednesday 24 February to consider matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

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

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies – The Mayor Jean Hay AM, Hugh Clarke, Wayne Collins, Elaine Kent, Amanda Kibby, Trevor Schwab, Lyn Schwab, Yoko Sullivan, Christine Richardson.

ACTION

RESIGNATION

Resignation received from Laura Currie – email advising that she is no longer able to commit to Sister Cities Committee due to full time work and thanking Council and the Committee for the opportunity to be part of the Committee.

Resignation accepted by the Committee.

Recommendation

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

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 held Wednesday 25 November were accepted. These minutes were adopted by Council at its Planning & Strategy Committee meeting held on Monday 1 February.

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 matters to report.

4.2 Jing'an, China

The Chair reported on correspondence from Lucy Tsui advising that Jing'an had merged with another district Zhabei to the north. The new merged district is 5 times larger. The correspondence welcomed members of the Committee to visit Jing'an in the future.

An email reply to be forwarded.

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4.3 Odawara, Japan

4.3.1 Shiroyama Junior High School

Odawara Council has requested that a High School in Manly correspond with Shiroyama Junior High School in Japan twice per year. Committee teachers are to discuss and report back regarding interest from any of the schools.

4.3.2 Student Exchange

- Manly students depart Wednesday 6 July and return to Sydney Monday 18 July. Students will stay for an extra night to include a trip to Tokyo during their stay.
- Odawara students arrive Saturday 23 July and depart Monday 1 August (afternoon).
- Application forms sent to schools and placed on Council's website.
- Closing date for applications is 30 March 2016.
- Student interviews will be held on Sunday 10 April at Manly Council. A maximum of 20 students to be selected for the 2016 Exchange.

The following Committee members will assist on interview day.

- Councillor Alan Le Surf
- Liberty Campbell (teacher)
- Peter Stephens
- Helen Foster
- Christine Richardson
- Email to be forwarded to Committee members advising details and seeking further assistance.
- A request to be sent to Stella Maris regarding use of school for orientation meetings.
- Committee members to form Itinerary Committee. A draft itinerary to be provided by staff. Following are some suggested activities:
 - Cultural experience
 - Tour of Middle Head
 - Manly Dam for family picnic day
 - Ceremony at Odawara Close with new signage.

4.3.3 Tokimeki Cup – Japanese Speaking Contest

To be held at Manly Council on Thursday 23 June prior to student farewell.

4.3.4 Visit to Manly by Odawara City Assembly Member Mr Kawasaki

The Mayor hosted an afternoon tea for Mr Kawasaki and members of the Sister Cities Committee at Council on 16 February.

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

No matters to report

4.5 Gunnedah, Australia

No matters to report

4.6 City of Huntington Beach California USA

No matters to report

Recommendation

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

ITEM 5 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget allocation balance as at the end of January 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

JETAA NSW has requested the Chair to attend a screening of a documentary for the 5th anniversary of the Tohoku earthquake on 15th of March at the Japan Foundation. Clr Le Surf will speak about his experiences when he visited Tohoku in 2011.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 March 2016.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

