



**MINUTES OF MEETING
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 26 August 2015**

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

Wayne Collins

Community Member

Helen Foster

Community Member

Anthony Foster

Community Member

Elaine Kent

Community Member

Judi Mudge

Community Member

Sue O'Brien

Community Member

Christine Richardson

Mackellar Girls Campus Japanese
Teacher

Tatsuko Ryan

Community Member

Trevor Schwab

Community Member

Lyn Schwab

Community Member

Diane Sullivan

Community Member

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 26 August 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 – Mayor Jean Hay AM, Hugh Clarke, Ian Host,
Sumiyo Mimori, John O'Brien, Yoko Sullivan, Tomoko Waters

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 July were accepted:

Moved: Helen Foster

Seconded: Wayne Collins

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

No matters to report

4.3 Odawara, Japan

4.3.1 Student Exchange

- Brief verbal report by Christine Richardson. Matters to consider for future exchanges
 - More extensive information for parents regarding cultural differences.
 - Male/female matching
 - Social Media
- A full written report by chaperones will be submitted to the next meeting.
- The Committee acknowledged the work by all concerned to ensure another successful exchange for the students.
- Wayne Collins asked that the Council be thanked for hosting the Official Dinner to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the student exchange.
- A presentation will be made to Mr Ozaki in October in recognition of his work and commitment to the exchange programme over the past 25 years.
- The Committee agreed that a thank you letter should be sent to Yoko Sullivan from the Council and Sister Cities Committee acknowledging her contribution to the 2015 Exchange.

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

Belinda Hooley completed a successful staff exchange through the K2H program and will present to the next meeting.

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

No report due to end of financial year.

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

Committee Visit to Odawara, Taito City & Yeongdo-gu

Arrangements underway for the visit to Odawara, Taito & Yeongdo. Official advice has been forwarded regarding details of the group and dates of visit.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 September, 2015.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm