



**MINUTES OF MEETING
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2013**

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

PRESENT:

Cr Alan Le Surf

Councillor (Chair)

Other Representatives

John O'Brien	Community Member
Tatsuko Ryan	Community Member
Suzanne Smith	Community Member
Peter Stephens	Community Member
Elaine Kent	Community Member
Hugh Clarke	Community Member
Diane Sullivan	Community Member
Wayne Collins	Community Member
Ian Host	Japanese Teacher Balgowlah Boys
Helen Foster	Community Member
Tony Foster	Community Member
Amanda Kibby	Japanese Teacher, St Paul's College

Council Staff

Trish O'Grady

Executive Assistant & Protocol Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Sister Cities Committee** met on Wednesday 24 July 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, Yoko Sullivan, Laura Currie, Judi Mudge, Sue O'Brien, Christine Richardson, Liberty Campbell, Trevor Schwab, Lyn Schwab, Mitch Garth. Hugh Clarke - Leave of Absence for July and August.	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 Thursday 27 June 2013 were accepted:

Moved: Elaine Kent

Seconded: Diane Sullivan

ITEM 4 Friendship City and Sister City Projects/Exchanges**4.1 Taito-ku, Japan**

- Elaine Kent commented on the email received by Council from Taito and forwarded to members with photos of the Tanabata Festival.
- The committee agreed that Manly should forward photos of local festivals such as Food & Wine and Jazz in future.

4.2 Odawara, Japan**Exchange Programme****Odawara Chaperones Report**

- Peter Stephens reported that the students were an excellent group with exemplary behaviour. Their performances and speeches were outstanding. The itinerary was very good.
- Chaperones will provide a written report to a future Committee Meeting.

Manly Itinerary

- Updated itinerary was distributed and discussed at length. Final arrangements were confirmed.
- Odawara chaperones have reiterated their wish for more free time on the itinerary.

Future Exchange Programmes

- Mr Ozaki has requested that future itineraries include a cultural element in the programme.
- Diane Sullivan suggested that the committee invite students who have participated in past programmes to take part. Members advised that unsuccessful attempts had been made in the past to include past students.
- The committee agreed that an invitation should be extended next year to former participants.
- Peter Stephens will keep this year's group involved throughout the year by way of facebook communication.
- Diane Sullivan will communicate with Yoko Sullivan in Japan regarding how Odawara manage this aspect of

EA&PO

**Peter
Stephens/Judi
Mudge**

Diane Sullivan

their programme.

4.3 Jing'an, China

There were no matters to report.

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

- Committee members are interested in an official visit in 2013. Clr Le Surf advised that he would be available to join a group in October for one week.
- Clr Le Surf recommended that interested members form a sub-committee going forward with this trip.
- Interested members include:
 - Clr Alan Le Surf
 - Wayne Collins
 - Sue O'Brien
 - Helen & Tony Foster

4.5 Gunnedah, Australia

- Gunnedah has requested the Beach to Bush programme be conducted in August to coincide with AgQuip but due to time constraints Council has advised that the best time would be October school holidays.
- Expressions of Interest are sought after from committee members to act as chaperones for this Exchange.

4.6 City of Huntington Beach California USA

There were no matters to report.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The end of June 2013 Financial Statement was accepted.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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

Resolved:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no further matters of General Business.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 August 2013

Meeting closed at 7.50pm