



**MINUTES OF MEETING
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 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

Hugh Clarke

Community Member

Elaine Kent

Community Member

John O'Brien

Community Member

Tatsuko Ryan

Community Member

Suzanne Smith

Community Member

Peter Stephens

Community Member

Helen Foster

Community Member

Anthony Foster

Community Member

Tomoko Waters

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 22 April 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

ACTION

Apologies – Mayor Jean Hay, Liberty Campbell,
Amanda Kibby, Wayne Collins, Sue O'Brien, Diane Sullivan,
Mitch Garth, Judi Mudge

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	No Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
	The minutes of the Sister Cities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 25 February 2015 were adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 20 April 2015.	
ITEM 4	FRIENDSHIP CITY AND SISTER CITY PROJECTS/EXCHANGES	
	4.1 Taito-Ku, Japan	
	Tatsuko Ryan advised that on her recent visit to Taito she had been advised that there may be progress when a new Council is formed.	
	4.2 Jing'an, China	
	The meeting was advised of correspondence received from Lucy Tsui, Foreign Affairs Office of Jing'an regarding a delegation to be led by Ms Li Weiping, Director Standing Committee of Shanghai Jing'an to visit Sydney and Manly during May/June this year to learn about community management and to strengthen friendship between Manly and Jing'an.	
	Official invitation has been sent inviting the delegation to visit Manly.	
	4.3 Odawara, Japan	
	4.3.1 Student Exchange	
	• Councillor Le Surf and Peter Stephens will act as Chaperones for the 2015 Exchange. Yoko Sullivan, based in Japan will join the group on arrival and act as chaperone for the duration of the time in Japan. Female required to travel to and from with the group. • Interviews took place at Council on Sunday 29 March. • 25 students have been selected to participate. • Manly students will depart Sydney Thursday 2 July and return on Monday 13 July. • Dates confirmed for Orientation meetings to take place at Freshwater Campus.	
	Students have been notified of dates. Japanese teachers will be advised of details of meetings and assistance from participating schools will be requested.	EA&PO

- Odawara Council has been updated regarding details of students participating in 2015.
- CLAIR and AJS to be contacted regarding assistance with interpreters.

ACTION

EA&PO

Itinerary Committee

In order to commence planning for the 2015 Exchange expressions of interest were sought from Committee members to be part of an Itinerary Committee. The following members will assist on the Itinerary Committee:

Tomoko Waters, Sue O'Brien, John O'Brien, Helen Foster, Diane Sullivan & Clr Le Surf, Peter Stephens will coordinate this sub committee.

- Change in Personnel at Odawara Council noted by the Committee.

4.3.2 Doctors' Choir Visit 20-23 September

- The Choir will perform at Cerretti Chapel on Sunday 20 September.
- A dinner will be held on Monday 21 September for Committee members and the Choir group. Details to be confirmed.

Recommendation

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

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

- Staff member Belinda Hooley has arrived in Korea for her 3 month Exchange. Belinda is currently spending 10 days in Seoul with the K2H participants.

4.5 Gunnedah, Australia

There were no matters to report.

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

Budget allocation balance as at the end of March 2015 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 Anyang City Council, Korea

Council Delegation consisting of 12 officials from Council, Council Secretariat and City Government Office visited Manly Council in order to learn about policies to manage public parks within the LGA. The group was taken on a tour of the Local Government Area parks and reserves as well as National Parks areas. At the conclusion of the tour the group visited the Council for a tour of the Chambers.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May 2015.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm