



PRESENT:

Councillor (Chair)
Manly Council

John O'Brien	Community Member
Sue O'Brien	Community Member
Diane Sullivan	Community Member
Suzanne Smith	Community Member
Elaine Kent	Community Member
Tatsuko Ryan	Community Member
Tomoko Waters	Community Member
Helen Foster	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

Trish O'Grady Executive Assistant & Protocol Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Sister Cities Committee** met on Wednesday 22 October 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,
Trevor Schwab, Lyn Schwab, Yoko Sullivan, Laura Currie,
Hugh Clarke, Peter Stephens

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
No declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

ACTION

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Sister Cities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 27 August were accepted:

Moved: Anthony Foster Seconded: John O'Brien

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

- A report from the three chaperones for the 2014 Odawara Exchange will be submitted to the November meeting.
- 2015 Odawara Exchange Dates
Proposed dates for Manly – Odawara.
26 June - 6 July.
Proposed dates for Odawara - Manly Exchange
24 July – 3 August.
- Application forms being revised and will be sent to schools before the end of school term.
- 25th Anniversary Visit by Committee members.
Discussions were held regarding a visit during the second half of October for 2-3 days. Committee members to consider dates and advise next meeting of any intentions to participate in a visit.
- A formal dinner will be held in Manly during the Exchange to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Exchange. Mr Ozaki's involvement over the 25 years will also be recognised appropriately during the Exchange.
- Odawara has suggested an exchange of pennants (ie flags) for the commemoration of the 25th anniversary. Further discussions to be held regarding gifts.
- Liberty Campbell suggested that the school day be used to mark the 25th anniversary with a special event organised at St Paul's College for all students prior to the students attending their respective host's school.

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Proposal for the formation of an Odawara Working Party

- Odawara Working Party
The Chair suggested to the Committee that as the Odawara Exchange Program is a major aspect of the Sister Cities Committee and that Japanese speaking

teachers are an integral part of this Committee but not always available to be members of the Committee the formation of a Working Party for the Odawara Exchange be considered. This Working Party could consist of both Committee members and non-committee teachers from participating schools.

The Odawara Exchange is a unique programme and the organisation of this programme requires specific knowledge of the participating schools. There is a need during the Odawara Exchange preparation and visits for representation from as many participating schools as possible. In this regard a Working Party could be formed with each school invited to be represented. This would give teachers at participating schools the opportunity to be more involved with the planning and execution of the Program.

The Committee was advised that this would not affect the membership of the Committee. Members would be invited to be part of the Working Party if they wished in the same way members were part of the Itinerary Committee for the 2014 Exchange.

There was no support for the formation of a Working Party by the Committee.

4.3 Jing'an, China

There were no matters to report.

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

Yeongdo-gu Official Visit

The Chair reported on the recent visit by Mayor Eo, Mrs Lee and three staff members from Yeongdo-gu Council from 3-7 October.

A flag raising ceremony, signing of an MOU and an official welcome took place at Manly Council on Friday 3 October. A Korean photo exhibition in the foyer of Manly Council was officially opened on 3 October to celebrate the visit.

The Mayor of Yeongdo-gu and delegation visited the Manly Jazz Festival and were hosted by the Mayor of Manly to a welcome dinner on Saturday 4 October. The Party enjoyed excursions on the Peninsula and a jazz concert at Star of the Sea Theatre in Manly.

The Chair thanked the members of the Committee for their involvement in the organisation of the visit and assistance with transport and hosting.

Visit by Yeongdo-Gu City Council members and staff.

The Chairman of Yeongdo-gu Council, 8 Council members and four staff members will visit Manly Council on Monday 3 November at 11.00am. Committee members are invited to join the Mayor in a welcome morning tea for the visitors. There are no details available other than they wish to visit Manly Council at this time. An email invitation will be sent to Committee members.

4.5 Gunnedah, Australia

Bush to Beach Exchange

Gunnedah Council contacted Manly on Tuesday 21 October to advise that the Mayor of Gunnedah, Owen Hasler would like to continue with the Exchange Program but due to staff changes there has been no progress this year. Gunnedah will discuss the possibility of a Bush to Beach Exchange for the 2015 October school holidays and advise further.

Art Exhibition

Manly Art Gallery & Museum is hosting an exhibition of works by Indigenous artist Des Mullion whose painting, *Raids and Wars* was donated last year by students from Gunnedah to Manly Council.

The exhibition of 25 new paintings by Des Mullion will feature as part of the Guringai Festival from 8 May – 28 June 2015. Manly Art Gallery and Museum is seeking support for the Gallery's efforts in bringing this exhibition to Manly, thereby further deepening the connection between Manly and Gunnedah.

There will be some expenses related to the exhibition in terms of accommodation for the artist, printing of invitations, freight of the works to and from Manly and an artist fee.

Manly Art Gallery & Museum is seeking assistance from the Sister Cities budget to support this exhibition.

Committee members are happy to recommend to the General Manager that an amount up to \$1,500.00 be contributed by the Sister Cities budget to support the exhibition.

Recommendation

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that an amount of \$1,500.00 from the Sister Cities allocated budget be contributed to the cost of the Des Mullion exhibition at Manly Art Gallery & Museum.

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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 September 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 Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference for the Sister Cities Committee currently state that

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“A Quorum shall comprise a one third of members on the Committee plus one.....”

One-third of members plus one would be a quorum of 9.

It is further stated under 3.A. that “The quorum for the Committee is 13 members.”

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Terms of Reference for the Sister Cities Committee be amended to read:

“The quorum for the Committee is 9 members.”

Recommendation

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that Sister Cities Committee Terms of Reference be changed to state:

“The quorum for the Committee is 9 members”.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 November 2014.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm