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**MINUTES OF MEETING
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 28 APRIL 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:

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

Suzanne Smith

Community Member

Peter Stephens

Community Member

Diane Sullivan

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 Thursday 28 April to consider matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.00pm in The Cove room.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies – The Mayor Jean Hay AM, Liberty Campbell, Amanda Kibby, John O'Brien, Trevor Schwab, Lyn Schwab, Yoko Sullivan, Sumiyo Mimori.
Hugh Clarke (leave of absence)

ACTION

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 23 March were accepted.

Elaine Kent

Sue 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 matters to report.

4.2 Jing'an, China

Correspondence received requesting that Manly Council welcome a delegation from Jing'an to visit in June. Awaiting confirmation.

4.3 Odawara, Japan

4.3.1 Student Exchange

- The Chair thanked Committee members for their assistance at the Student Interviews.
- 10 Students selected and advised on the day.
- 4 students, all overseas on school holidays, are to be interviewed on 4 May.
- Peter Stephens and Sue O'Brien will interview with one other Committee member tbc.
- Itinerary being prepared by staff.
- Information Night to be held on Tuesday 10 May. Students will receive all relevant details and forms prior to the date and will be required to bring all completed documentation on the evening. Committee members and staff will check all details.

- The following committee members will assist at the Information Night.
 - Elaine Kent
 - Tomoko Waters
 - Tatsuko Ryan
 - Judi Mudge
 - Sue O'Brien
 - Peter Stephens
 - Diane Sullivan
 - Christine Richardson
- Orientation meetings to commence Monday 23 May and will be held at St Paul's College.
- Homestay required for Japanese chaperones. Diane Sullivan has volunteered to accommodate one chaperone and two if necessary.
- Farewell for Manly students to be held at Council on Monday 27 June. The final Orientation will be held at Council on this date

4.3.3 Tokimeki Cup – Japanese Speaking Contest

- To be held at Manly Council on Thursday 23 June.
- Further discussion to be held with staff and Liberty Campbell.

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

- Yeongdo-gu Council has advised they are sending a staff member to Manly 8 June to 2 September.
 - Interest sought from Committee members for homestay.

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 March 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 Twinning of Manly and Etaples, France

The Mayor has received a request from Mr Will Davies of Church Point asking if there would be any interest in establishing a twinning of Manly with the French coastal village of Etaples, a small fishing village about 25 kilometres south of Boulogne. A way of remembering the war dead, particularly those of the northern beaches who served and died in the Great War. Mr Davies has suggested that perhaps there were local boys among the 464 Australians buried in the Etaples cemetery.

The Committee discussed the request and it was decided that at this point in time any further international relationships should be left until a decision is made regarding the future of Local Government in the Manly area.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 May 2016.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm