

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

SISTER CITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: Mr David Price (Chairman); Alderman Jan Collins; Alderman Chris Tilley; Alderman Joanne Sangster; International Business Council (Representative, Mr Chaplin Hsiong; Alternate Representative, Mr Greg Bicknell); Department of Employment, Education and Training (Representative, Ms Marion Guppy; Alternate Representative, Ms Pam Howard); Charles Darwin University (Representative, Mr Dennis Meehan; Alternative Representative, Ms Catherine Halkon); Mr Phillip Rudd; Mr Fred Marrone.

OFFICERS: Director Community Services, Mr John Banks; Acting Sister Cities Project Officer, Ms Joanne Sinclair; Committee Support Officer, Ms Misty Graham.

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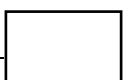
Terms of Reference

1. Manage the Darwin City Council Sister Cities Program.
2. Perform an advisory role to the Darwin City Council.
3. Develop and grow the strategic importance of sister cities to Darwin City Council and the community.
4. Provide leadership to the community committees to facilitate fulfilment of their goals.
5. Provide clear guidelines to each community committee as to the nature of Darwin's relationship with each sister city.
6. Maintain membership of the Australian Sister Cities Association.
7. Support community and economic development in Sister Cities by promoting educational, cultural and economic relations.
8. Build on the original reasons for establishing Sister City relationships with Kalymnos Anchorage Ambon, Haikou, and Dili and ensure current relevance and value.

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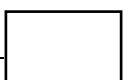
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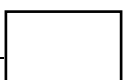
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THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Sister Cities Management Committee meeting held on Monday, 25 July, 2005, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.19\ (16/08/05)

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS SISTER CITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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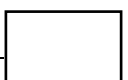
MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN ON MONDAY, 25 JULY, 2005, COMMENCING AT 12.04 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr David Price (Chairman); Alderman Jan Collins; Alderman Allan Mitchell; Department of Employment, Education and Training (Representative, Ms Pam Howard); Mr Phillip Rudd; Mr Fred Marrone.

OFFICERS: Director Community Services, Mr John Banks; Sister Cities Project Officer, Mrs Lorna McGinnis; Acting Sister Cities Project Officer, Mrs Joanne Sinclair; Committee Support Officer, Miss Misty Graham.

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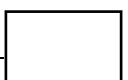
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(Ald Collins/Rudd)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that Mr David Price be elected as Chairman of the Sister Cities Management Committee for the period ending 30 June, 2006.

DECISION NO.19\1816

(25/07/05)

Carried

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**2.1 Apologies**

(Ald Collins/Rudd)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT the apology from Mr Chaplin Hsiong be received and noted.
- B. THAT the apology from Mr Greg Bicknell be received and noted.
- C. THAT the apology from Marion Guppy be received and noted.

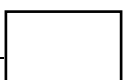
DECISION NO.19\1817

(25/07/05)

Carried

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

Nil



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3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS

3.1 Member's Interests

Nil

3.2 Potential Interests

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS SISTER CITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

(Marrone/Rudd)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Sister Cities Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 22 June, 2005, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.19\1818 (25/07/05)

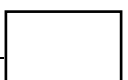
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Nil

6 INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil



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7 OFFICER'S REPORTS

7.1 Ambon Sister City Community Committee Project Funds Requests - Arikal Mahina and Pesona Indonesia and Minutes Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on 30 June, 2005

Report No.05C0085 LMG:kl (11/07/05) Common No.302554

(Ald Collins/Howard)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

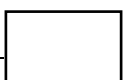
THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 05C0085 LMG:kl entitled Ambon Sister City Community Committee Project Funds Requests - Arikal Mahina and Pesona Indonesia and Minutes of Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 30 June 2005, be received and noted.
- B. THAT \$500 project funds be approved from the Ambon Sister City Community Committee's allocated project funds from the 2005/06 budget for provision of school fees to provide educational opportunities to students in Ambon with the assistance of Arikal Mahina.
- C. THAT \$1,000 project funds be approved from the Ambon Sister City Community Committee's allocated project funds from the 2005/06 budget for sponsorship of the Pesona Indonesia Event as part of the Indonesian Cultural Week to enable the inclusion of one or more Ambon artists.

DECISION NO.19\1819 (25/07/05)

Carried

ACTION: DCOMM



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7 OFFICER'S REPORTS

7.2 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Sister Cities Community Committees for the 2005 to 2007 Two Year Term

Report No.05C0084 LMG:kl (11/07/05) Common No.237945

With the consent of the Committee, the Decisions arising from this Item were moved from Confidential into the Open Section of the Minutes (Resolutions 'A-G'. – Recommendation 'H' remains in the Confidential Section).

(Ald Collins/Howard)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 05C0084 LMG:kl entitled Appointment of Community Representatives to the Sister Cities Community Committees for the 2005 to 2007 Two Year Term, be received and noted.

Carried

(Howard/Marrone)

- B. THAT the following nominations be offered an appointed Community Representative position on the Ambon Committee in accordance with Section 136 of the Local Government Act:-

- i) Mr Mark Bowling
- ii) Mr Ken Conway
- iii) Ms Sheryl Wilson
- iv) Mrs Sue Pattiselanno
- v) Ms Christine Silvester
- vi) Mr Rick Setter

and further

THAT should approval be provided by Council for two 'alternate' positions to be available on each committee, Ms Joy Pulley and Ms Leigh Gregory be appointed as alternates.

Carried

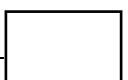
(Ald Collins/Rudd)

- C. THAT the following nominations be offered an appointed Community Representative position on the Anchorage Committee in accordance with Section 136 of the Local Government Act:-

- i) Mr Michael Myers
- ii) Ms Rachel Hart
- iii) Mr Allan Van Zyl
- iv) Ms Yvette Sarra

Carried

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7 OFFICER'S REPORTS

7.2 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Sister Cities Community Committees for the 2005 to 2007 Two Year Term

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(Ald Collins/Rudd)

D. THAT the following nominations be offered an appointed Community Representative position on the Dili Committee in accordance with Section 136 of the Local Government Act:-

- i) Ms Catherine Halkon
- ii) Ms Tania Paul
- iii) Ms Lynette Bigg
- iv) Mr Rob Wesley-Smith
- v) Ms Veronica Pereira
- vi) Ms Sherry Meakin

Carried

(Ald Collins/Marrone)

E. THAT the following nominations be offered an appointed Community Representative position on the Haikou Committee in accordance with Section 136 of the Local Government Act:-

- i) Mr Phillip Rudd
- ii) Mr Andrew Leo
- iii) Ms Maisy Latif
- iv) Mrs Marilyn Wilson
- v) Mr Silva Lai
- vi) Ms Kate Reid-Smith

and further

THAT should approval be provided by Council for two 'alternate' positions to be available on each committee, Mr Lie Yao be appointed as an alternate.

Carried

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(Howard/Ald Mitchell)

F. THAT in regard to the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee, as only one nomination was received;

- i) appointments to the committee be deferred until further membership nominations are received (at least three, being half the available appointed positions),
- ii) that Greek community groups and facilities be invited to assist promote the vacancies through newsletters, notice boards and existing networks,
- iii) that the attempts to reignite the full committee be unsuccessful or should no further nominations be received prior to end January 2006, a report be presented to the meeting of this committee.
- iv) that the Sister Cities Management Committee manage the affairs of the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee for the time being.

Carried

(Howard/Rudd)

G. THAT these Decisions be moved into Open.

DECISION NO.19\1820 (25/07/05)

Carried

ACTION: DCOMM

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8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Anchorage Sister City Community Committee's Fund Raising Quiz Night – 15 July, 2005
Common No.300978

(Price/Howard)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that the organisers of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee's Fund Raising Quiz Night on Friday, 15 July 2005 be congratulated on a very successful evening.

DECISION NO.19\1821 (25/07/05) Carried

8.2 Welcome to New and Appreciation to Past Members of the Sister Cities Management Committee

(Price/Marrone)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

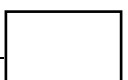
THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT it be noted that the Committee welcomes Alderman Allan Mitchell and Darwin City Council's Acting Sister Cities Project Officer, Mrs Joanne Sinclair to the Sister Cities Management Committee.
- B. THAT it be noted that the Committee express their appreciation to Alderman Joanne Sangster and Darwin City Council's Sister Cities Project Officer, Mrs Lorna McGinnis for their contributions to the Sister Cities Management Committee.

DECISION NO.19\1822 (25/07/05) Carried

Confirmed on: Thursday, 18 August, 2005

Chairman: _____



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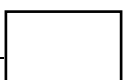
Common No.296067

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that the Minutes of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 9 June, 2005, Common Number 296067, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.19\

(18/08/05)





HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
12:30pm Thursday 9 June 2005
Meeting Room 1 Darwin City Council, Civic Centre

MINUTES

1. Meeting opened at 12:44pm

2. PRESENT

Phillip Rudd (Chair)	Community Representative
Ald Helen Galton	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Lorna McGinnis (minutes)	Sister Cities Project Officer
Maisy Latif	Community Representative
Marilyn Wilson	Community Representative

Apologies

Bob Schulze
 Andrew Leo
 Doug Hagan
 Silva Lai
 Ald Dorothy Fox

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 24 March 2005 approved as a true record. (Wilson/Latif)

4. SISTER CITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – MARCH, APRIL AND MAY MINUTES

Information only

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

6. PERFORMANCE REVIEW – 2004/05 ACTION PLAN

Rudd and SCPO to prepare for circulation to the committee prior to the next meeting.

7. 2005/06 ACTION PLAN

Rudd and SCPO to prepare for circulation to the committee prior to the next meeting.

8. DRAGON BOAT NT SPONSORSHIP

The committee decided it would be best to feed this into the 2005/06 Action Plan, due to the cancellation of the previously planned event.

Action: SCPO to write to DBNT expressing interest in involvement next year.

Action: SCPO to invite a DBNT representative to the September meeting.

9. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Interest has been received from one male and one female student from Darwin High School. The next step of the process is to arrange a meeting between Phil Rudd, Marion Guppy, Darwin High School Principal, and the SCPO.

Action: SCPO to arrange meeting with Marion Guppy and Phil Rudd.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Letter from Mayor Ci – tabled - regarding previous delegations. For information.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday September 8 2005

Time: 12:30pm

Venue: Meeting Room II

MEETING CLOSED AT 1:45 PM

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

REPORT

DATE: 08/08/05

TO: SISTER CITIES MANAGEMENT/ OPEN B

APPROVED: JB

FROM: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

APPROVED: KH

REPORT NO: 05C0088 JS:mrg

APPROVED: JS

INTERNAL REF: 300978

SUBJECT: ANCHORAGE SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT – CONCLUSION REPORT

ITEM NO: 7.1

SYNOPSIS:

This report presents an overview of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Quiz night, held 15th July 2005. The report recommends that the Committee note that \$1,000 will be allocated to the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee from the dollar-for-dollar fundraising contribution allocation from the 2005/06 Sister Cities Program budget as per policy.

GENERAL:

DECISION NO.19\1821 (25/07/05)

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that the organisers of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee's Fund Raising Quiz Night on Friday, 15 July 2005 be congratulated on a very successful evening.

DECISION NO 19\1701 (22/06/05)

THAT the committee resolve under delegated authority that approval be given to the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee to hold a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 15 July 2005.

DECISION NO 18\5530 (12/08/03)

Each committee engaging in fundraising activities will be eligible for an additional funding contribution of up to \$1,000 over and above the \$4,000 which can be applied for. The contribution will be allocated on a dollar for dollar basis for each dollar raised.

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REPORT

Over one hundred people attended the event, making thirteen teams of up to eight people. The evening proved to be very successful, with over \$2000 raised to go toward Anchorage Sister City Community Committee projects. Community awareness about the program was raised, in a relaxed and entertaining manner.

Acknowledgement of Support

Donor - Organisation	Donation / Sponsorship	Prize
Cafe 21 - Smith St Mall		\$25 Voucher
Jenny @ Centrepont Beauty Shop		Gift Voucher \$30 massage
Rod Barry Cardno Willing Engineering Edmund Street		Cash donation of \$40
Golden Wattle Florist Vic Arcade, Smith St Mall Terry & Caroline Mackay		2 x \$50 Gift Voucher
Director Community Services, John Banks		Pepperjack - Cabernet Sauvignon
Chaplin Hsiong (SCMC)		Yellowglen
Anon		Bottle Brown Brothers Reserve Port
Shenannigan's		\$50 Food and Beverage Voucher
Holiday Inn Esplanade		\$100 Voucher to Dine @ Sirocco Restaurant
Darwin Airport Hotel		\$200 Voucher to Dine @ Essence Restaurant
Deputy Lord Mayor Helen Galton		\$100 toward dinner
Darwin Central Hotel		One Nights Accommodation for Two
Darwin City Council		Caps, Coolers, Pens, Badges & Bags
Tattersalls & Winnelle Newsagency (Margaret Rollings)		Quickpick x 8 50 x \$5 Scratchie
Darwin Festival		10 x Music Festival Passes and \$40 Star Shell Saver Package
Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club	Use of BBQ and trailer for the night	
Andrew Wilson Skycity - Sunset Restaurant		10 x two for one dinner vouchers
David Collins (Jan's husband)	Time and energy	Bottle Port
Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Jan, Jo, Mick and Rachel	Organising	
Sister Cities Program and DCC Aldermen	Volunteer Time,	cash donations and generous prizes
David Price	Volunteer time - Quizmaster	
Darwin City Council	Staff time and Equipment	
Ald Garry Lambert	\$100 cash	

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	donation	
Ald Joanne Sangster	\$100 cash donation	
Ald Jan Collins	\$123.72 cash donation	
Rod Barry Cardno Willing Engineering	\$40 cash donation	
Harry Cheek – BOC		\$100 voucher
Cadburys		Chocolates
Bi-Lo		Sausages and meat

Budget Breakdown

Anchorage Sister City Community Committee		
Sister Cities Quiz Night 15 July 2005 - Fundraising Event		
Income		
Donations	X 4 (including salads purchase)	363.72
Tickets	81 x \$10 per head	810
BBQ Sales	80 x \$5 per head	400
Drinks Sales		1468.89
		3042.61
Expenditure		
Prizes	In kind donations – see Acknowledgement of Support table	
Staffing		
Licence		
BBQ Meat		203.85
Drinks & Ice		767.09
		970.94
TOTAL		2071.67

Expenditure for this event was kept to a minimum due to the substantial donation of time and services to the event, including Staff hours, purchase of miscellaneous items, venue hire and insurance, equipment, and in-kind donations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications pertaining to this report

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CORPORATE PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The Sister Cities Program is an ongoing program of Darwin City Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no legal implications pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no environmental implications pertaining to this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implication has been identified in respect to this report, however there is potential for media interest in any Council activity. Council's Chief Officers review all reports and potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the Public Relations Manager.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no community safety implications pertaining to this report.

DELEGATION:

Decision no. 18\5288 - To the members for the time being of the Sister Cities Management Committee the power to make and implement management decisions, including the appointment of members and chairmen of individual Sister Cities Community Committees, within the adopted budget and in accordance with the Sister Cities Management Committee's goal and terms of reference.

CONSULTATION:

No consultation was conducted in regard to this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

No public consultation is proposed in regard to this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

There are no signage requirements pertaining to this report.

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CONCLUSION:

The event was great success, over \$2000 was raised plus \$1000 dollar for dollar (as per policy), resulting in a total budget amount of just over \$7,000 for projects in the 05/06 period.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 05C0088 JS:mrg entitled Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Fundraising Quiz Night - Conclusion Report be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Committee note that \$1,000 will be allocated to the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee from the dollar-for-dollar fundraising contribution allocation from the 2005/2006 Sister Cities Program budget as per policy.

JOANNE SINCLAIR
SISTER CITIES PROJECT OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Joanne Sinclair on extension 5695.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 08/08/05

REPORT

TO: SISTER CITIES MANAGEMENT/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

APPROVED: KH

REPORT NO: 05C0087 JS:mrg

APPROVED: *JS

COMMON NO: 237945

SUBJECT: STATUS ON NEW AND AMENDED SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS – SAUMLAKI, MILIKAPITI AND KABANKALAN

ITEM NO: 7.2

SYNOPSIS:

This report presents the status on new and amended relationships within the Sister Cities Program, that being the amended relationship with Milikapiti, the signing of a friendship agreement with Saumlaki and the proposal of a new Friendship Link with Kabankalan in the Phillipines.

The Sister City agreement with Milikipti has been drafted, and the draft copy has been signed by the Tiwi Island Local Government. It is anticipated that the original copy of the new agreement be resigned at the next suitable occasion.

The report recommends that as the Sister Cities Program continues to experience high demand on resources, and numerous requests for equally viable cities for affiliations, a relationship not be formed with Kabankalan at this time.

GENERAL:

DECISION NO.18\6708 (18/05/04)

- B. THAT based on previous history with Milikapiti and in the interests of maintaining close relationships with the new Tiwi Islands Local Government the Sister City relationship be continued at a level previously decided; managed by the Sister Cities Management Committee within current budget and resource allocation in the same manner as friendship agreements.

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 Milikapiti and Kabankalan

- C. THAT the Tiwi Islands Local Government be invited to sign a new agreement reflecting the new nature of the relationship and commemorating the close relationship shared with Milikapiti previously.

DECISION NO 18\6404 (24/02/04)

- B. THAT in accordance with the Sister Cities Guidelines for new relationships, Council approve the formation of a friendship agreement with Saumlaki, Indonesia rather than a sister city relationship, at this time.

DECISION NO 19\1614 (31/05/05)

- B. THAT the draft 'Friendship City' agreement between Darwin and Saumlaki with amendments as follows, be adopted and presented to Saumlaki for approval:-

**DEED OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 of the friendship link which exists between
 Darwin, Australia and Saumlaki, Indonesia**

The City of Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia
 and the City of Saumlaki, West South East Maluku Province,
 Indonesia
 do hereby acknowledge the bonds of friendship between the two
 cities.

In recognition of the mutual benefit for both cities achieved
 through the promotion of the Darwin - Saumlaki Yacht Cruise,
 this agreement stands to support the continued cooperation
 and friendship between the respective communities.

It is our firm belief that through our friendship we will contribute to
 global goodwill and understanding.

DECISION NO.19\1278 (17/03/05)

THAT Council seek further information in regard to the objectives of Kabankalan City in proposing the Friendship City Relationship and THAT the Chairman of the Sister Cities Management Committee seek a meeting with John Rivas in regard to Friendship City Link matter.

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REPORT

Milikapiti – Tiwi Islands

A draft agreement was sent 30/05/05, accompanied by a letter acknowledging the change in Municipal boundaries following the amalgamation of Milikapiti with the other Tiwi Councils to form the Tiwi Islands Local Government. The Draft agreement was signed at the June 17 meeting of the Tiwi Islands Local Government and returned to Council. It is anticipated now that Tiwi Islands Local Government be invited to sign the original copy of the new agreement at the next available opportunity.

Saumlaki

The Friendship agreement was signed during a recent visit by the Regent of West South East Maluka and his delegation on 21/07/05, and was signed by the Lord Mayor on 24/07/05. This meant that the Saumlaki delegation were able to take their copy of the agreement with them on their return, as previously it was thought that this may not be possible. Several copies are being held at Darwin City Council, with one copy being framed for display with the other Sister Cities Program agreements. As per the agreement, mutual benefit will be experienced by both cities through the promotion of the Darwin to Saumlaki Yacht Rally, and the agreement stands to support the continued cooperation and friendship between the respective communities.

Kabankalan

David Price, the Sister Cities Project Officer and John Rivas met on 21/06/05. Though various similarities between the cities were explored, Kabankalan is no more or less viable than other cities requesting affiliations with Darwin City Council.

Though the Establishment And Assessment of New Relationships Policy states that Friendship Links consist of 'a less formal arrangement with less administrative and financial expectation', there is still a substantial impact on project resources. Darwin City Council currently has six Sister City relationships and two Friendship Links, with only one Project Officer resourced to service these relationships. The policy also states that a Friendship Link 'may be appropriate in meeting short term needs and supporting programs run by other sections of the community'. Though there are some similarities between the two cities, it appears that no such short term need is apparent, and programs run by other sections of the community are not well established at this stage.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The signing of a Friendship agreement with Kabankalan will increase demand on current resources.

ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implication has been identified in respect to this report, however there is potential for media interest in any Council activity. Council's Chief Officers review all reports and potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the Public Relations Manager.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

DELEGATION:

Matter requires full Council decision.

CONSULTATION:

Nil

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

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CONCLUSION

The Friendship agreement with Saumlaki has been signed, and the relationship formalized. A copy of the agreement is to be framed and displayed with other Sister City Program agreements. Both cities will experience mutual benefits in the future through the promotion of the Darwin to Saumlaki Yacht Rally, and look forward to continued cooperation and friendship between the respective communities.

The Sister City agreement with Milikapiti has been drafted, and the draft copy has been signed by the TILG meeting on June 17 2005. It is anticipated that the formal agreement be re-signed at the next suitable occasion.

Though similarities do exist between Darwin and Kabankalan, these similarities are no more or less than many other cities who may request an affiliation. Due to the high demand on program resources and numerous requests from equally viable cities for affiliation, this report recommends a relationship not be formed with Kabankalan at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 05C0087 JS:mrg entitled Status On New And Amended Sister City Relationships – Saumlaki, Milikapiti and Kabankalan, be received and noted.
- B. THAT both Darwin City Council and Tiwi Islands Local Government sign the original copy of the new Sister City agreement at the next suitable occasion.
- C. THAT as the Sister Cities Program continues to experience high demand on resources, and numerous requests for equally viable cities for affiliations, a relationship not be formed with Kabankalan at this time.

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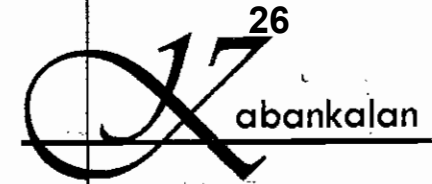


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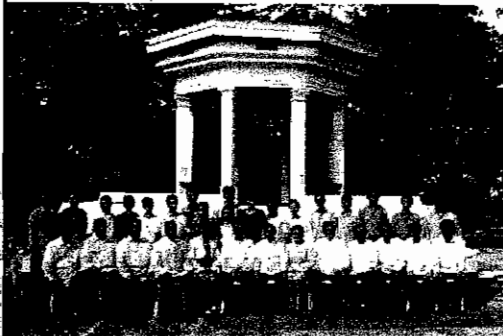


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Public Plaza

LOCATION

Kabankalan occupies the central portion of the Southern Negros Island and is geographically located at ten (10) degrees east and one hundred twenty two (122) degrees north. It is bounded on the north by the Municipality of Himamaylan, on the northwest by Panay Gulf, on the southwest by the Municipality of Ilog and on the southeast by the Province of Negros Oriental.

It is 90 kilometers away from Bacolod City and 100 kilometers from Dumaguete City and the southern most town of Hinoba-an.

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

Administratively, the city is composed of thirty-two (32) barangays - nine (9) of which are in the city center and twenty three (23) in the outlying areas.

LAND AREA AND POPULATION

Kabankalan covers 697.54 square kilometers or 69,754 hectares of land and has a population of 149,769 (2000 NSO) which is projected to reach 161, 901 in 2005.

ECO-TOURISM INTERESTS

Balicaocao High Land Resort, Brgy. Orong

Rising more than five hundred (500) feet above sea level, it gives visitors a breathtaking view and panorama of the coastal towns of Southern Negros Occidental and the blue water of Panay Gulf and the Island-Province of Guimaras.

Mag-aso Falls, Barangay Oringao

Backdropped by the huge mountain range, amidst un-

spoiled surroundings, its cascading stream forms a natural pool down under, with its torquise green crystal clear water.

Agustina Falls, Brgy. Oringao

Gently cuddled by the sides of the cliff, it keeps secret the legend of a lady in whose name the falls is attributed.

Carol-an Valley

First settlement of once tribal kingdom of an indigenous people ruled by the legendary Manyabog, whose death led to the infamous mass suicide. The valley can be best explored by mountain trekking.

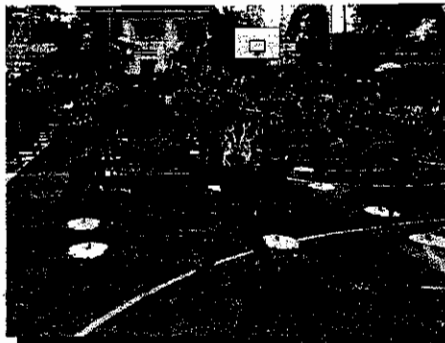
Udloom Cave, Brgy. Tampalon

Reachable after an hour walk through an almost arid river bed in summertime, Udloom Cave lies hidden amidst boulders whose high and wide opening lords over an everflowing stream and where inner wall reveals varied rock formations, caused by continuous dropping.

Tagbak Cave, Brgy. Tampalon

Kept hidden underneath craggy boulders of limestone, Tagbak Cave starts the rallying point of a six-kilometers long stretch of underground way, folks hereabout say, exiting through the outskirts of a nearby barangay.

SINULOG, Kabankalan's showcase in the array of festivals in Negros Occidental, transforms the third Sunday of January of every year into a day of riotous revelry as dancers painted in black soot stamp to the wild beat of drums.



Sinulog Festival



Balicaocao Highland Resort

August 2 marks the **CHARTER ANNIVERSARY** of the city. A one-week agro-industrial fair showcasing the indigenous products of the locality is held.

May invites the holding of the religious festival **SANTACRUZAN**, reenacting the conversion of King Constantine to Christianity and St. Helena's founding of the Holy Cross.

TRADE CENTER FOR SOUTHERN NEGROS

The city is strategically on the only route from Bacolod City to the north, to Dumaguete City on the southeastern side and to the Municipalities of Hinoba-an and Sipalay on the southwest side.

BANKING AND LENDING INSTITUTIONS

Equitable PCI, PNB, Bank of Commerce, DBP, LBP, RCBC ABC, Bangko sang Kabankalan, Bank Victorias, BPI/FEBT

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Kabankalan has two (2) sugar mills - SONEDCO and DACONGCOGON

To date, the City Planning and Development Office registers 2,497 business establishments, in large, medium and small scale.

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) had identified KABANKALAN as the growth center and the site of People's Industrial Estate (PIE).

CLEANEST AND GREENEST LGU

For four consecutive years (1994-1997), Kabankalan had been adjudged the Cleanest and Greenest LGU (Category A) of Negros Occidental and a national finalist (being the regional winner in 1994) in the Search for the Cleanest and Greenest LGU 1994.

INFRASTRUCTURES

The World Bank-assisted new city public market now stands on the two-hectare lot bought by the city government. The market is now occupied by vendors. Beside it is the integrated bus terminal to provide convenience to commuting public.

The multi-million new city hall now rises on a three-hectare lot donated by the family of Don Juan Jalandoni at Barangay Talubangi. On this site also sits the Hall of Justice through the donation of Senator Franklin Drillon.



New City Hall

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8 GENERAL BUSINESS

