

2007 ASCA Conference Program

Day 1 - SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

- 12:00pm – 4:30pm **Conference Registration** **Darwin Entertainment Centre**
Early Registration and setup of promotional displays at Conference Centre
- Free Time/Exhibition Setup Time**
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm **Welcome Cocktail Reception** **Parliament House**
Welcome function hosted by the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, The Honourable Clare Martin MLA
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm **Evening at Mindil Beach Sunset Markets**
"The Mindil Challenge"



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Day 2 – MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2007

- 8:15am **Conference Assembly** **Darwin Entertainment Centre**
- 8:30am – 9:00am **Master of Ceremonies**
Mr Charlie King
- Welcome to Larrakia Country**
Alderman Dorothy Fox
- Welcome Addresses**
The Honourable Mr Ted Egan AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory
The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Darwin
Mr Kevin Hill, National President of the Australian Sister Cities Association
- 9:00am – 9:15am **Speech by the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory**
The Honourable Clare Martin MLA
- "The history of Darwin's Sister Cities and benefits achieved through Sister Cities."*
- 9:15am – 9:45am **Official Welcome Ceremony**
- 9:45am – 10:15am **Keynote Address**
Speaker: TBA
"The importance of Sister Cities links for Timor-Leste as the world's newest nation."
- 10:15am-10:45am **Morning Tea** **Darwin Entertainment Centre**
Sponsored by Gosford City Council
- (Partners and Youth breakaway to participate in other Conference Programs)*
- 10:45am – 11:15am **Keynote Address**
Dr Keith Suter, Foreign Affairs Editor, "Sunrise" - Channel 7 and Member of the Club of Rome
- "Global War and Peace: How Cities Can Work for Peace"*
- 11:15am – 11:45am **Keynote Address**
Mr Abdullah Mbamba, Director of the United Nations Information Centre, Canberra
- "The United Nations' role to combat the effects of climate change on the world's cities."*
- 11:45am – 12:15pm **Question Time for Keynote Speakers**
Chair: Mr Charlie King
Panel: Dr Keith Suter
Mr Abdullah Mbamba
- 12:15pm – 1:15pm **Lunch** **Darwin Entertainment Centre**
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Day 2 – MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2007 (continued)

- 1:15pm – 1:25pm **2007 ASCA Awards Announcement**
Mrs Jan Teasdale, ASCA National Executive
- 1:25pm – 1:45pm **ASCA International Guest Speaker**
TBA by ASCA National Executive (including speakers from NZ & USA)
- 1:45pm – 2:00pm **Snapshots**
Presentations from selected ASCA 2007 Award Nominees
Chair: Mr Charlie King
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**
"Balancing domestic obligations and international commitments"
- **2008/2013 ASCA Strategic Plan**
Presenter/Convenor: Mr Kevin Hill, President of ASCA National Executive
 - **Delegations or Junkets; getting the best spin from the media**
Presenter/Convenor: TBA
 - **Is the Environmental Issue Sustainable?**
Presenter/Convenor: Dr Keith Suter
 - **Opening doors to Asian Markets**
Presenter/Convenor: TBA
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm **Afternoon Tea** **Holiday Inn Esplanade**
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm **Panel Session and Workshop Review**
"Balancing domestic obligations and international commitments"
- Chair: Mr Charlie King
Panel: Mr Kevin Hill
Mr Keith Suter
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Exhibition Hour/Happy Hour**
Sponsored by Chinatown, Darwin **Darwin Entertainment Centre**
Theme: The Chinese Connection
- 7:00pm – 11:00pm **Casual Dinner** **Gardens Park Golf Links**
Theme: The Darwin Connection



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Day 3 – TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2007

- 8:15am **Delegate Assembly** **Darwin Entertainment Centre**
- 8:30am – 9:00am **Address by the Federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads**
The Honourable Jim Lloyd MP (TBC)
- 9:00am- 9:30am **Keynote Address**
Ms Fiona O’Loughlin, Comedian, Working Mother and Social Commentator, Alice Springs

“Let’s have some humour bring a little relief to a troubled world”
- 9:30am – 10:30am **Korea Local Government Centre (KLAFIR)**
Mr Ihnhwan Chung
Director General of Korea Local Government Centre

“Current status of Sister Cities relationships between Korea and Australia”

Mayor Jong-hae Jeong
Mayor of Boseong County, South Korea

“Creating new Sister Cities ties with Australia”

Be entertained by Boseong’s famous Pan Sori Traditional Singing.
- 10:30am – 11:00am **Morning Tea** **Darwin Entertainment Centre**

Sponsored by the Korea Local Government Centre (KLAFIR)
- 11:00am – 11:30am **Snapshots**
Presentations from selected ASCA 2007 Award Nominees
Chair: Mr Charlie King
- 11:30am – 12:30pm **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**
“Balancing domestic obligations and international commitments”
- **Sister Cities from a northern perspective**
Presenter/Convenor: Mr Craig Goodrich, Anchorage Fire Chief
 - **Working better with sister cities links for a safer world**
Presenter/Convenor: TBA
 - **The other side of the coin; cultural issues and Sister Cities relationships**
Presenter/Convenor: TBA
- 12:30pm – 1:00pm **Workshop Reviews/Feedback**
Balancing domestic obligations and international commitments
Chair: Mr Charlie King
Panel: Mr Craig Goodrich, Anchorage Fire Chief



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1:00pm – 5:30pm

½ Day Tours (including picnic lunch)

- **Arts and Culture**
Visit the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, the historic Fannie Bay Gaol and Larrakia Nation
- **Business and Economic Development**
Take a tour of The Ghan, the new Darwin City Waterfront Development and Darwin's LNG Project.
- **Darwin's war history**
Explore Darwin's Military history at the Aviation Museum, World War II Oil Storage Tunnels and the East Point Military Museum.
- **Territory Wildlife**
Visit the Territory Wildlife Park
- **Crocodylus Park**
A crocodile educational adventure you can't afford to miss!

Free Night for Delegates to explore Darwin



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Day 4 – WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2007

- 8:15am **Delegate Assembly** **Darwin Entertainment Centre**
- Forum Emcee**
Mr Allan McGill, Chief Executive Officer, Darwin City Council
- 8:30am – 9:00am **Address by the Northern Territory Minister for Local Government**
The Honourable Elliot McAdam MLA
- Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR) Forum**
"Utilising Local Resources for Sustainable Tourism: Connect, Develop and Invigorate"
- Forum themes:
- How tourism can be utilised to promote sustainable community building and development at the local level.
 - How international communication and connections at the local level such as sister-city relationships can be enhanced and strengthened by Australia-Japan tourism and business promotion to bring about mutual benefits to local communities and economies.
- 9:00am- 9:30pm **Opening Addresses**
Consul General of Japan, Sydney
Alderman Kerry Moir, President NT Local Government Association, Darwin
- 9:30am – 10:30am **CLAIR Forum Presentations**
Mayor Sato Ryuichi, Mayor of Niseko, Japan
"Towards an all season tourism destination: Niseko's Challenge"
- Mr Ross Findlay, Managing Director, Niseko Adventure Centre, Japan
"Niseko: An Emerging International Destination"
- 10:30am – 11:00am **Morning Tea**
Sponsored by CLAIR
- 11:00am- 12:30pm **CLAIR Forum Presentations**
Mr Garry Smith, Managing Director, Tourism Leisure Corporation, Queensland
- Mr Richard Doyle, Director Asia/Japan Aviation & Cruise Tourism NT
- Mr Harihiko Niihor, General Manager, Tourism Tropical North Queensland, Japan/Guam
- "Marketing Activities & Strategies for Cairns and Great Barrier Reef conducted in the Japan Market"*
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm **Lunch**
Sponsored by Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR)



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- 1:30pm – 2:00pm **Presentation by Youth Delegates**
Convenor: Mr Mark Smith, Darwin City Council Youth Services Officer
- 2:00pm – 2:15pm **2008 ASCA Conference Presentation**
Chair: Mr Kevin Hill, National President of the Australian Sister Cities Association
Presentation: Gosford City Council
- 2:15pm – 2:45pm **ASCA Forum and Feedback Session**
Chair: Mr Kevin Hill, National President of the Australian Sister Cities Association
- 2:45pm – 3:30pm **ASCA Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers**
Presentation of ASCA Strategic Plan
Chair: Mr Kevin Hill, National President of Australian Sister Cities Association
- 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Happy Hour/Informal Networking Opportunity**
- 7:00pm – 11:00pm **25th Anniversary Awards Gala Dinner** **Holiday Inn Esplanade Ballroom**



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