

Minutes

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 26 November 2025



**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Kate Heelan
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Committee Member Nerida Hart
Committee Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati
Committee Member Stephanie Lin
Committee Member Tony Miaoudis
Committee Member Ninik Stroud
Committee Member Allan Woo

OFFICERS:

Vanya Bosiocic, Manager Economic Development
Jessica Fry, Manager International Relations and Sponsorship

NOT PRESENT:

Committee Member Sam Kansal

APOLOGY:

Committee Member Siji Issac
Committee Member Paddy Mohan

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country.

We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

Committee Member Tony Miaoudis was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

Committee Member Allan Woo was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC019/25

Moved: Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED 6/0

Committee Member Tony Miaoudis joined the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Committee Member Allan Woo joined the meeting at 5:37 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC020/25

Moved: Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT apologies from the following members be received.

- Committee Member Siji Issac
- Committee Member Paddy Mohan

CARRIED 8/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC021/25

Moved: Committee Member Nerida Hart

Seconded: Committee Member Allan Woo

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

CARRIED 8/0

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Nil

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC022/25

Moved: Committee Member Nerida Hart

Seconded: Committee Member Ninik Stroud

THAT the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 25 June 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS

7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**18.1 KALYMNOS AND DARWIN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC032/25**

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Ninik Stroud

1. THAT the report entitled Kalymnos and Darwin Language Scholarship Program Update be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0**8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEMBER****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC023/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Committee Member Nerida Hart

1. THAT the report Sister City Committee Member be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee receive the resignation and appreciates the contribution and generous support from Sam Kansal as a member of Sister City Advisory Committee.
3. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee endorse to Council to have the committee member vacancy replaced.

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC024/25**

Moved: Committee Member Tony Miaoudis

Seconded: Committee Member Stephanie Lin

THAT the report entitled Sister Cities Action Plan Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.3 2025 SISTER CITIES STORYTELLING COMPETITION UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC025/25**

Moved: Committee Member Nerida Hart

Seconded: Committee Member Ninik Stroud

THAT the report entitled 2025 Sister Cities Storytelling Competition Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.4 SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC026/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Committee Member Allan Woo

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Schedule be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee set the meeting schedule until 30 June 2026 as follows:
 - a) meetings to be held on Wednesdays
 - b) meetings to be held from 17:30 pm to 18:30 pm
 - c) meetings to be held at the Darwin Civic Centre and electronically via Teams
 - d) meeting to be held on:
 - i. 11 February 2026
3. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee propose additional meetings in the lead up to the Sister Cities Cup 2026, to be held on:
 - i. 29 April 2026
 - ii. 24 June 2026
4. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee note that the Elected Members have requested a review of the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference.

CARRIED 8/0

Subject to advice provided by City of Darwin on operational capacity of staff to administer an increase in meeting schedules and after review of advisory committees by council; The Sister City Advisory Committee propose to vote on increasing the number of meetings to six (6) per year at the 11 February 2026 committee meeting.

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC027/25**

Moved: Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC028/25**

Moved: Committee Member Stephanie Lin

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the next Sister City Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, 11 February 2026, at 5:30 PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

CARRIED 8/0

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

18.1 Kalymnos and Darwin Language Scholarship Program Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

20.1 Members Verbal Updates

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC029/25

Moved: Committee Member Nerida Hart

Seconded: Committee Member Ninik Stroud

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 pm.

CARRIED 8/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 7:18 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 7:18 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2026.

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CHAIR