



MINUTES

**International Relations Advisory
Committee Meeting
Friday, 10 March 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 2023 AT 10.00AM - 11.00AM**

PRESENT:	Deputy Lord Mayor Cr Kim Farrar, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, Councillor Brian O'Gallagher, CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone, GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff, Austrade Territory Liaison Adviser Daniel Hall, GM Innovation Alice Percy, Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet, CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland, Director, NT Office, Department of Foreign Affairs Donald Mortimore, GM of Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Louis Da Rocha, Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan
OFFICERS:	Manager of Economic Development and International Relations
APOLOGY:	Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, CEO of Port of Darwin Peter Dummett, VP Global and External Relations of CDU, CEO of Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah
GUESTS:	Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.00 am

2 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.

3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, CEO of Port of Darwin Peter Dummett, VP Global and External Relations of CDU, CEO of Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah

3.2 Leave of Absence

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

NIL

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher for report item no. 9.1

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC001/23

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: GM of Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Louis Da Rocha

That the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 26 October 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED 11/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE BACOLOD CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, PHILIPPINES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC002/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

1. THAT the report entitled 'Friendship City proposal with the Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, The Philippines' be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee provide feedback to the City of Darwin on the Friendship City proposal from the City of Bacolod.

CARRIED 11/0**9.2 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL FROM THE CITY OF KUPANG, EAST NUSA TENGGARA, INDONESIA****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC003/23**

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

1. THAT the report entitled Friendship city proposal from the City of Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee provides feedback on the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a friendship city relationship between the City of Darwin and the City of Kupang.

CARRIED 11/0**9.3 DARWIN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023 UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC004/23**

Moved: CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

That the report 'Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival 2023 Update' be received and noted.

That the International Relations Advisory Committee members are invited to participate in the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival 2023.

CARRIED 11/0

9.4 INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC005/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

That the report providing an update on international delegations to Darwin be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

9.5 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC006/23

Moved: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

Seconded: Austrade Territory Liaison Adviser Daniel Hall

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee consider and confirm the following time and dates for future Committee meetings:
 - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 31 May 2023
 - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 16 August 2023
 - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 29 November 2023
 - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 13 March 2024
 - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 15 May 2024
 - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 26 June 2024

CARRIED 11/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

10.1 AUSTRADES' EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC007/23

Moved: GM of Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Louis Da Rocha

Seconded: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

That the report presenting information regarding Austrade's Export Market Development Grants be received and noted.

That the Grant's information is to be shared with the International Relations Advisory Committee via email.

CARRIED 11/0

10.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC008/23

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

That the report 'Members Verbal Update' be received and noted.

Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan: Thank you to the Sister City Advisory Committee for participating in the International Women's Day Walk. The Sister City Advisory Committee has submitted the project proposals for 2022 – 2024 for the City of Darwin's consideration.

Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet: Tourism activities are recovering in Darwin. Thank you and great work to the Manager of International Business Relations, City of Darwin for your efforts to deliver a complex event: Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival.

Director, NT Office Department of Foreign Affairs Donald Mortimore: As a new Director representing the Department of Foreign Affairs NT Office, Donald is looking forward to meeting all and working with the International Relations Advisory Committee, City of Darwin, the Northern Territory Government, and other stakeholders.

CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland: Chamber of Commerce NT is working with Master Builders Northern Territory, and Minerals Council of Australia with funding from the Northern Territory Government to deliver the worker attraction program in the Philippines and India. A total of 23,000 applications were received with 3,000 interviewed for the 700 job vacancies.

CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone: Update on the airport passengers levels down by around 20% for Darwin and 40% for Alice Springs. Planned works on the airstrip at Darwin Airport for 2023 are likely to cause some disruptions until works are completed in November 2023. International flight efforts to establish other connections into Asia were discussed and the continuation of undesirable flight times continued for Darwin.

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris: Update on the Discover Darwin website and seeking feedback from the International Relations Advisory Committee on the Discover Darwin website, and potential co-funding opportunity for the Discover Darwin website.

GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff: Full booking calendar for the next couple of years in the Darwin Convention Centre and the development brief on the Waterfront area.

GM Innovation Alice Percy: International Relations Advisory Committee are invited to provide any feedback and recommendation to the City of Darwin in terms of friendship city proposals, international delegations & trips, and projects.

CARRIED 11/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC009/23

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

That the City of Darwin to provide a report back to the International Relations Advisory Committee on the feedback on the Discover Darwin website.

CARRIED 11/0

12 NEXT MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:58 am.