



# **MINUTES**

**Sister City Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

**Wednesday, 29 November 2023**

**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, 29 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chair Kate Heelan  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Community Member Cornelio De Varvaldo  
Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach  
Community Member Nerida Hart  
Community Member Stephanie Lin  
Community Member Ping Lu  
Community Member Tony Miaoudis  
Community Member Max Stretton  
Community Member Ninik Stroud

**OFFICERS:** Cherry Cai (Manager of Economic Development and International Relations)

**APOLOGY:** Nil

**GUESTS:** Nil

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:32 pm.

## **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**

Nil

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

### **3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Max Stretton, Ninik Stroud

## **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 SCAC022/23**

Moved: Community Member Cornelio De Varvaldo

Seconded: Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL FROM VYAS MUNICIPALITY, GANDAKI, NEPAL****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC023/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Stephanie Lin

THAT the report entitled Friendship City Proposal from Vyas Municipality, Gandaki, Nepal be received and noted.

THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee provide feedback on the Friendship City proposal from Vyas Municipality, Gandaki Nepal as the following:

- The Sister City Advisory Committee acknowledges the growing number of the Nepalese community and annual Nepalese event and celebration in Darwin.
- To seek feedback and information from the local Nepalese associations for the demographic data on population from Vyas in Darwin.
- To identify whether there is international education opportunities.

**CARRIED 10/0****9.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LONG SERVICE - MR TONY MIADOUIS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC024/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

THAT the report entitled Acknowledgement of Long Service – Mr Tony Miaoudis be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**9.3 SISTER CITY AGREEMENT UPDATE WITH TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC025/23**

Moved: Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: Community Member Cornelio De Varvaldo

THAT the report entitled Sister City Agreement Update with Tiwi Islands Regional Council be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**9.4 DISCOVER DARWIN LINKEDIN MARKETING PLAN****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC026/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT the report entitled Discover Darwin LinkedIn Marketing Plan be received and noted.

THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee members leverage Discover Darwin LinkedIn to connect the businesses and community from our sister/friendship cities and promote Darwin to international markets by providing information focusing on live, study, work and invest in Darwin.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**9.5 CITY OF JOETSU FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC027/23**

Moved: Community Member Nerida Hart

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled City of Joetsu Friendship City Proposal Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**9.6 MAYOR'S FORUM TRAVEL UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC028/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Nerida Hart

THAT the report entitled Mayor's Forum Travel Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**9.7 2024 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC029/23**

Moved: Community Member Cornelio De Varvaldo

Seconded: Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

THAT the report entitled 2024 International Women's Day be received and noted.

THAT the following Sister City Advisory Committee members will seek the appropriate representative from the community to carry the country flag representing the Sister Cities at the 2024 International Women's Day on 2 March 2024.

America flag: Vida Ruth Goodvach

Timor Leste flag: Cornelio De Varvaldo

China flag: Stephanie Lin

Australia flag: Nerida Hart

Indonesia flag: Kate Heelan

Greece flag: Tony Miaoudis

**CARRIED 10/0****9.8 CITY OF DARWIN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC030/23**

Moved: Community Member Stephanie Lin

Seconded: Community Member Vida Ruth Goodvach

THAT the report entitled City of Darwin International Relations Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0****9.9 YOUTH GROUP VISIT FROM KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY COUNCIL, UGANDA****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Chair Kate Heelan

Seconded: Community Member Cornelio De Varvaldo

THAT the report entitled Youth Group Visit from Kampala Capital City Council, Uganda be received and noted.

THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee provide the feedback and comments on the visit request from Kampala Capital City Council to City of Darwin:

- It is recommended that the request from the Kampala Capital City Council be referred to the Northern Territory Government (NTG).
- It is not recommended that City of Darwin host this delegation in consideration of few strategic alignment.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### 10.1 SISTER CITY PROJECT PROPOSALS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC031/23

Moved: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

Seconded: Chair Kate Heelan

THAT the report entitled Sister City Project Proposals be received and noted.

THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends the following projects to be delivered and completed by City of Darwin between March – June 2024:

- Darwin Virtual Reality Project.
- Fundraising Quiz pending on the themes to be confirmed by the SSAC – no funding required.
- Sister Cities signs update at the Mall.
- Virtual Youth Roundtable to be referred to City of Darwin Youth Advisory Committee for consideration.
- More information is required for the Australia China Friendship Society National Conference to be considered by SSAC.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Community Member Ping Lu tendered his resignation from the Committee effective 23 November 2023 due to relocation plans interstate after 20 years of service for the Sister City Advisory Committee.
- City of Darwin to organise the Christmas drinks

## 12 NEXT MEETING

5.30pm Wednesday 6 March 2023

## 13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.42pm.