



# **MINUTES**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, 15 May 2024**

**Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024**

**Time: 11:00 AM**

**Location: Council Chambers Darrandirra  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**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 WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful, the Chairperson Kon Vatskalis  
Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland  
City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy  
Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade, A/Exec Director Strategic Engagement  
Mez Korbetis  
Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan  
Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden  
Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

**OFFICERS:**

Cherry Cai (Manager of Economic Development and International Relations)

**GUESTS:** Nil

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**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

THAT the Chair declared the meeting open at 11:06 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**

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff

Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett

Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade, General Manager Luis Da Rocha

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Drew Boekel

Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall

Charles Darwin University, Vice-President Global and External Shannon Holborn

Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone

Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer 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**

Nil

**5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC008/24**

Moved: Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan  
Seconded: Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 27 March 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 7/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNING BETWEEN DARWIN-BASED GTNT/INSTITUTE OF SKILLS & TRAINING AND UNDIKNAS UNIVERSITY, DENPASAR****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC009/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Seconded: Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the report entitled Update on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing between Darwin-based GTNT/Institute of Skills & Training and Undiknas University, Denpasar be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

**9.2 WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2024****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC010/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Seconded: Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

1. THAT the report entitled World Cities Summit 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee provides feedback on any items or activities to be attended by Lord Mayor during his trip to Singapore.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### 10.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC011/24

Moved: Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden

Seconded: Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Mez Korbetis

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

#### Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Mez Korbetis

- Can reach out to Michael Png since he is the official representative for Singapore especially for the upcoming summit
- Vietnamese friendship mission from 23 – 27 September 2024
- Supporting event in Timor Leste
- Signed MOU with Japan Bank International Corporation and Mineral Resources and Gas Investment
- World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan
- Visit from the Vietnamese Consul General next week
- Started regulatory trade mapping project

#### Chamber of Commerce NT Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

- Ambassador season with visits from embassies from Vietnam, Thailand, India
- Business conference from 11-13 June in Timor Leste
- Various tourism opportunities

#### Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden

- 'Welcome to the Dry' went well with 74 exhibitors at Mindil Beach Casino Resort
- Italian cruise ship, ITS Vespucci, is visiting Darwin from 4-7 October 2024 and is exploring a 'Villaggio Italia' near Fort Hill Wharf
- The latest cruise ship listing can be found in [Public view \(darwinport.com.au\)](https://www.darwinport.com.au/public-view)
- Mr Bruce Mills, Director of Place Leaders Asia Pacific, will reach out to the Lord Mayor regarding opening the Place Leaders Asia Pacific Symposium and Awards later in the year

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

**12 NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 26 June 2024 at 11:00 am

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:26 am

Unconfirmed