



# **MINUTES**

## **Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, 25 June 2025**

**Date: Wednesday, 25 June 2025**

**Time: 5:30 PM**

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

**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, 25 JUNE 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICERS:**

Emma Struys, Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development  
Vanya Bosiocic, Manager Economic Development

**APOLOGY:**

Committee Member Siji Issac  
Committee Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati  
Committee Member Paddy Mohan  
Committee Member Sam Kansal

**Order of Business**

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## 1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:40 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

Committee Member Siji Issac

Committee Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati

Committee Member Paddy Mohan

Committee Member Sam Kansal

### 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 SCAC011/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Committee Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 7/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC012/25**

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Tony Miaoudis

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

**CARRIED 7/0**

**9.2 2025 DARWIN FUSION UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC013/25**

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Nerida Hart

THAT the report entitled 2025 Darwin Fusion Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

**9.3 UPDATE ON THE FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE CITY OF KOCHI, INDIA.****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC014/25**

Moved: Committee Member Tony Miaoudis

Seconded: Committee Member Nerida Hart

THAT the report entitled Update on the Friendship City Proposal with the City of Kochi, India be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### 10.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC015/25

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Stephanie Lin

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

**CARRIED 7/0**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

- Greek Glenti Festival was a success, which provided a lot of tourism opportunities to Darwin as well as multicultural festivities
- There is an opportunity for the Committee to be more actively involved and should look into participating in more events for the next Glenti Festival

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Committee Member Stephanie Lin informed the other members that Highland Province contacted her about possible business relationships since they are looking for opportunities with key local businesses and sought a connection to share with her contacts

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 52 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council 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*:

**16.1 Members Verbal Update**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council 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.

**13 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC016/25**

Moved: Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the Chair declared the Open meeting closed at 6:27 pm.

**CARRIED 7/0**