



MINUTES

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Date: Wednesday, 5 March 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, 5 MARCH 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Kate Heelan
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Committee Member Nerida Hart
Committee Member Siji Issac
Committee Member Tony Miaoudis
Committee Member Paddy Mohan
Committee Member Allan Woo

OFFICERS:

Cherry Cai, Manager of International Relations and Sponsorship

APOLOGY:

Committee Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati
Committee Member Sam Kansal
Committee Member Stephanie Lin
Committee Member Ninik Stroud

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:31 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 Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati

Committee Member Sam Kansal

Committee Member Stephanie Lin

Committee Member Ninik Stroud

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

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC001/25

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Siji Issac

THAT the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 MEETING DATE CHANGE REQUEST****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC002/25**

Moved: Committee Member Paddy Mohan

Seconded: Committee Member Nerida Hart

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Date Change Request be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee reschedule the meeting on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at 5:30 pm to Wednesday, 15 October 2025 at 5:30 pm, due to Local Government elections.

CARRIED 7/0**9.2 2025 DARWIN SISTER CITY AWARD - STORYTELLING COMPETITION UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC003/25**

Moved: Committee Member Siji Issac

Seconded: Committee Member Paddy Mohan

1. THAT the report entitled 2025 Darwin Sister City Award - Storytelling Competition Update be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee members promote the competition to its network and encourage submission before the close date of 17 March 2025.

CARRIED 7/0**9.3 DARWIN FUSION 2025****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC004/25**

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Siji Issac

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin Fusion 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee members promote Darwin Fusion 2025 to their networks and invite participation.
3. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee members advise if they have any interest and availability to volunteer to support staff activities during the Darwin Fusion 2025 on 22 and 23 May 2025.

CARRIED 7/0

9.4 SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC005/25**

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

9.5 NEW AIRLINE FOR DARWIN AND DENPASAR**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC006/25**

Moved: Committee Member Tony Miaoudis

Seconded: Committee Member Paddy Mohan

THAT the report entitled New Airline for Darwin and Denpasar be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

9.6 SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC007/25**

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report entitled Sponsorship Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends City of Darwin provide \$800 or \$1,000 sponsorship to support the "Tais Culture & Resilience: Woven Stories" from Timor-Leste through the out-of-round sponsorship program using available budget.

CARRIED 7/0

9.7 TIMOR-LESTE AUSTRALIA ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2025**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC008/25**

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Nerida Hart

THAT the report entitled Timor-Leste Australia Economic and Business Conference 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

9.8 SPONSORSHIP FOR 2025 SPICE ISLANDS DARWIN AMBON YACHT RACE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC009/25**

Moved: Committee Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Committee Member Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report entitled Sponsorship for 2025 Spice Islands Darwin Ambon Yacht Race be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee recommends City of Darwin to carry forward the action and budget to sponsor the 2026 Spice Islands Darwin Ambon Yacht Race.

CARRIED 7/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 5:30pm

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 52 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021* 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 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 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.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC010/25

Moved: Committee Member Siji Issac

Seconded: Committee Member Paddy Mohan

THAT the Chair declared the Open meeting closed at 6.35pm.

CARRIED 7/0

Unconfirmed