

Minutes

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Unconfirmed



**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, 11 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Community Member Kate Heelan (Chair)
Community Member Nerida Hart
Community Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati
Community Member Siji Issac
Community Member Tony Miaoudis
Community Member Ninik Stroud
Community Member Allan Woo
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

OFFICERS:

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Community Member Stephanie Lin
Community Member Paddy Mohan

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1 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.

Community Member Tony Miaoudis was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

Community Member Siji Issac was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC001/26

Moved: Community Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati

Seconded: Community Member Ninik Stroud

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED 6/0

Community Member Tony Miaoudis joined the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Community Member Siji Issac joined the meeting at 5:40 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC002/26

Moved: Community Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Community Member Ninik Stroud

THAT the apology from the following members be received.

- Community Member Stephanie Lin
- Community Member Paddy Mohan

CARRIED 8/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC003/26

Moved: Community Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Community Member Ninik Stroud

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
- Community Member Nerida Hart

CARRIED 8/0

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

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 SCAC004/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Allan Woo

THAT the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**18.1 UPDATE ON KALYMNOS AND DARWIN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC013/26**

Moved: Community Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Kalymnos and Darwin Language Scholarship Program be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0**18.2 PROPOSAL FOR FRIENDSHIP CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ATAMBUA****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC014/26**

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Friendship City Agreement with the City of Atambua be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee recommend City of Darwin do not enter into negotiations with the City of Atambua to become a Friendship City.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0**8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 UPDATE ON SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC005/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati

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

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR SISTER CITIES CUP AND DARWIN FUSION 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC006/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT the report entitled Update on Planning for Sister Cities Cup and Darwin Fusion 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.3 UPDATE ON WELCOMING CITIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC007/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT the report entitled Update on Welcoming Cities be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC008/26**

Moved: Community Member Siji Issac

Seconded: Community Member Nerida Hart

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

Community Member Kate Heelan

- International Women's Day Walk on Saturday, 7 March 2026 with initial gathering at Charles Darwin University Danala Campus for opening speeches. Flyers and maps were provided to committee members and the General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that committee members will gather at 8:00 am – 8:15 am at the Danala Campus to participate in the event with a City of Darwin banner.

CARRIED 8/0

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

THAT the next Sister City Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, 29 April 2026, at 5:30 PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC009/26**

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud
Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 8/0

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee 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*:

18.1 Update on Kalymnos and Darwin Language Scholarship Program

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

18.2 Proposal for Friendship City Agreement with the City of Atambua

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC010/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Allan Woo

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 pm.

CARRIED 8/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 6:40 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 6:40 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2026.

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CHAIR

Unconfirmed