



# **AGENDA**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 15 May 2024**

**I hereby give notice that a International Relations Advisory Committee  
Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024**

**Time: 11:00 AM**

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

**Simone Saunders  
Chief Executive Officer**

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall

Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

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

City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy

Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Drew Boekel

Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade, A/Exec Director Strategic Engagement  
Mez Korbetis

Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah

Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett

Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden

Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

## **OFFICERS**

Manager of Economic Development and International Relations, Cherry Cai

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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

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### 9.1 UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNING BETWEEN DARWIN-BASED GTNT/INSTITUTE OF SKILLS & TRAINING AND UNDIKNAS UNIVERSITY, DENPASAR

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

The Hon Kon Vatskalis, Lord Mayor of City of Darwin witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Darwin-based GTNT/Institute of Skills & Training and Undiknas University, Denpasar on 23 April 2024.

Lord Mayor was excited to see the relationship with Denpasar growing and congratulated GTNT Institute of Skills & Training and Undiknas University, Denpasar on their partnership.

Kathryn Stenson, CEO of GTNT Group said the Sister City relationship between the two cities opens up more opportunities and partnerships for the industry from both cities.

Consul Bagus from Consulate Of The Republic of Indonesia Darwin recognised that this is another milestone that has been achieved since the signing of Sister City relationship between Darwin and Denpasar, which signified the booming cooperation among the industries of the two cities.

Under the Sister City Agreement framework signed between City of Darwin and City of Denpasar on 13 June 2022, there have been a number of MOUs signed between industry leaders. This MOU between GTNT and Undiknas University will see the students from Denpasar allowed to join the Upskill Program run by GTNT that supports industry training in areas such as business, hospitality, industry, and business management.

Image reference





**9.2 WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2024**

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Lord Mayor's trip to Singapore in June 2024.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have been invited by the Minister for National Development, Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration Singapore to attend the World Cities Summit in 2024 which will be held from 2 to 4 June 2024.
- Darwin is the 2024 Chair of the Council of Capital Cities Lord Mayors (CCCLM) and the Lord Mayor will be representing CCCLM at this Summit.
- The focus of the summit is to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions, and forge new partnerships.
- Lord Mayor and CEO will take this opportunity to meet the delegation led by Mr Pham Thanh Kien, Deputy Chairman of the People's Council of Ho Chi Minh City, and discuss the friendship city proposal.

**DISCUSSION**

City of Darwin is the Chair of the Council of Capital Cities Lord Mayors (CCCLM) in 2024. The Lord Mayor's attendance at this summit is also in his capacity as the Chair and representing on and behalf of CCCLM.

**The World Cities Summit**

The biennial World Cities Summit is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions, and forge new partnerships. Since 2008, World Cities Summit has been attended by over 250 global cities and supported by leaders from government, business, international organisations, and academia.

This summit is jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities and the Urban Redevelopment Authority and is the 9th edition of World Cities Summit to be held in conjunction with the Asia Infrastructure Forum. Highlights of the summit include the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum and the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Banquet and Ceremony.

This year's theme is "Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Rejuvenate, Reinvent, reimagine", which conveys the need for cities to rejuvenate, reinvent and reimagine to become smart, resilient, and regenerative cities of the future.

This is the convening platform for global mayors, business leaders and knowledge experts to exchange and co-create city solutions for liveable and sustainable cities. The World Cities Summit will engage cities, businesses, and experts at the highest levels to discuss how cities can emerge stronger through prolonged and unpredictable disruptions.

**Event Format**

The World Cities Summit 2024 will be a 3-day event comprising the main conference and other key events such as the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum, World Cities Summit Young Leaders Symposium, the Lee Kuan Yew World Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet, and an exhibition.

The Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer along with other global delegates will engage with the theme across five thematic tracks: Cities for People, Resilient and Regenerative Cities, Smart Cities, Sustainable Financing of Cities and Future Cities. Each track comprises plenaries and in-depth discussion sessions, special convenings and roundtables, organised with strategic partners to ensure a rich and diverse discussion.

**About Asia infrastructure forum**

The Asia Infrastructure Forum is the foremost platform for infrastructure players and thought leaders to discuss key issues such as the future state of infrastructure, sustainable financing, technological innovation, and collaboration.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Nil

**STRATEGIC PLAN  
ALIGNMENT**

2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City  
2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city

<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> <b>Is Funding identified:</b> Yes
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> <b>Policy:</b> Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform <b>Tactics:</b> Nil <b>Internal:</b> Nil <b>External:</b> Nil
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

**10 MEMBER REPORTS****10.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATE**

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations

**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation

**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**12 NEXT MEETING**

26 June 2024 at 11:00 am

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**



# **MINUTES**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 27 March 2024**

**Date: Wednesday, 27 March 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, 27 MARCH 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful, the Chairperson Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Brian O'Gallagher  
Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall  
Chamber of Commerce NT Rohan Badenhop  
Charles Darwin University, Vice-President Global and External Shannon Holborn  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Drew Boekel  
Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah  
Port of Darwin, Executive Director Ben Cheng  
Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone  
Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan  
Tourism Top End General Manager Samantha Bennett

**OFFICERS:**

Emma Struys (Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development)  
Cherry Cai (Manager of Economic Development and International Relations)

**APOLOGY:**

City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy  
Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett  
Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff  
Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden  
Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland  
Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade General Manager Luis Da Rocha

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

THAT the Chair declared the meeting open at 11:00 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**

City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy

Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett

Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff

Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden

Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

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

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

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

## **5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

### **5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Committee members made the following declaration:

Councillor Brian O’Gallagher has been declared as the CLP candidate for Karama

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis received a bottle of wine from the Mayor of Joetsu, Japan, which has been declared and registered in the gifts register for Council accordingly

### **5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC001/24**

Moved: Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 29 November 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 UPDATE ON FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE CITY OF QUANZHOU****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC002/24**

Moved: Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Tourism Top End General Manager Samantha Bennett

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

**9.2 LORD MAYOR CHINA TRIP UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC003/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the report entitled Lord Mayor China Trip Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**9.3 UPDATE ON FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE CITY OF HO CHI MINH****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC004/24**

Moved: Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Tourism Top End Board Samantha Bennett

THAT the report entitled Update on Friendship City proposal with the City of Ho Chi Minh be received and noted.

THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee recommends City of Darwin to include the following cooperation areas in the Memorandum of Understanding of Friendship City relationship between Darwin and Ho Chi Minh.

**CARRIED 11/0****9.4 2023/24 SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC005/24**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Tourism Top End General Manager Samantha Bennett

THAT the report entitled 2023/24 Sister Cities Action Plan and budget update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0****10 MEMBER REPORTS****10.1 JOETSU JAPAN TRIP UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC006/24**

Moved: Chamber of Commerce NT Rohan Badenhop

Seconded: Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

THAT the report entitled Joetsu Japan Trip Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**10.2 MEMBER VERBAL UPDATES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC007/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone

Provided some relevant updates on the status of works at the airport:

- There are additional canopies in the carpark in preparation for the wet season
- The upper level terminal works and food court area should be completed within six months
- Half of the runway has been completed and should be finished by October

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Drew Boekel

- Attended the ASEAN Summit in Melbourne
- Brazilian Head Commission and Darwin dialogue in April regarding talks on critical minerals and rare earths
- First Nations Ambassador keen to collaborate with indigenous networks in Darwin for the 2025 World Indigenous Forum

Chamber of Commerce NT Rohan Badenhop

- Provided information and interest in the Nicholas Moore report on cultural trade and that there is still a need for some financial pathway in order to progress
- Commented that airlines are important in international business growth and high prices for airline tickets need to be addressed accordingly by relevant groups/organisations
- Mark Newman is the new Senior Industry Councils Coordinator

Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall

- Export Market Development Grants amended laws have been finalised and will soon be tabled in Parliament wherein amendments will be increase in grant prices, eligibility requirements and changes in the payment schedule
- There will be an increase in international trade and a closer engagement in Southeast Asia with five missions with Singapore and Kuala Lumpur slated first
- A contract will commence between Austrade and NT Government

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

- Mr John Rivas, Consul General, is requesting an update regarding the Friendship City status with Bacolod City, Philippines

Tourism Top End General Manager Samantha Bennett

- Currently addressing seasonality concerns on tourism efforts
- Tourism vouchers are currently at 55% coming from local tourists and the remaining portion are from interstate tourists
- Invigorating the centre with some additional enhanced digital platform
- Launch of *Welcome to the Dry* next week
- Travel Expo is ongoing

Port of Darwin, Executive Director Ben Cheng

- Mineral projects were stopped and cancelled for the last half of the financial year
- A lot of marine activities at Darwin Port
- Memorandum of Understanding with NT Garment

Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah

- Tourism strategy plan will be completed by May
- Creation of a seasonal calendar with a focus on the 7 seasons and opportunity to promote that with *Tickets to the North*

Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

- Talks with DFAT regarding skills development growth exchange program for businesses
- Invited Dr Kevin Evans, Director for Australian-Indonesian Centre in Jakarta, to come and speak about the Indonesian election and a session with DFAT and CDU on partnership prospects with Indonesia and scheduled on 17-20 April 2024

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

15 May 2024 at 11:00 am

## **13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:57 am