



AGENDA

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 15 July 2021

**I hereby give notice that a Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting will
be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 15 July 2021

Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

**Location: Meeting Room 1
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**Scott Waters
Chief Executive Officer**

SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Alan Jape
Alderman George Lambrinidis
Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris
Mr Tony Miaoudis
Ms Lisa Malnar
Ms Christine Silvester
Ms Themis Magoulas
Ms Emily Tyaemaen Ford
Mr Ping Lu
Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach
Mr Terry Hartin
Ms Hue Man Vo
Ms Jane Wang

OFFICERS

Miss Madeleine Haslett

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9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 INTERNATIONAL SISTER CITY EXPO

Author: Executive Manager Growth & Development Services
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled International Sister City Expo be received and noted.
2. THAT Committee members share the International Sister City Expo website with their networks in order to increase the number of organisations on the platform.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the International Sister City Expo and to invite the Sister City Committee members to share the website with their networks.

KEY ISSUES

- Stage one of the International Sister City Expo (the Expo) is now complete and the website is open for public use – <https://discover.darwin.nt.gov.au>.
- Stage two is planned for June 2022 and involves an online trade show.
- City of Darwin contacted 12 of the Sister/Friendship City governments to invite them to participate in the Expo before 3 May 2021.
- City of Darwin has received a number of business and organisation submissions which have been added to the website.
- City of Darwin is inviting the Committee members to invite more businesses/organisations from Darwin and Darwin's Sister and Friendship Cities to participate in this Expo. To avoid duplicate communication, there is no need to contact governments as the City of Darwin has already contacted them in relations to this Project.

DISCUSSION

The Sister City Committee was advised of Council's approval of the International Sister City Expo (the Expo) at the Committee meeting on 11 February 2021.

The Expo aims to develop a long-standing website for Darwin and Sister/Friendship Cities' government, businesses and industries. It promotes the Darwin story and our education, tourism and business offering to Sister and Friendship Cities. This website <https://discover.darwin.nt.gov.au> is stage one and has been paid using the International Relations Program budget within the City of Darwin.

The Project aims to:

- Promote Darwin as a place to invest, study, live and travel.
- Provide a conduit between local organisations and international organisations.
- Encourage community engagement in sister/friendship cities and relationship development.

Sister City Committee members are invited to familiarise themselves with the website and to invite their networks to submit their organisation on the Expo website using an online form – <https://discover.darwin.nt.gov.au/international-expo/submit-your-business/>

The next stage deliverable is to deliver a virtual trade show event on the 22 and 23 June 2022.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At its Ordinary Meeting on 14 July 2020, Council resolved:

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008 has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the power to allocate the Sister City Committee budget to key projects to best achieve policy objectives, on the Committee's recommendation.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination.
CRITICAL DATES	
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	\$10,000 from the International Relations budget
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed development of a communications and marketing plan.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: NA

	Policy: Tourism Promotion International Relations and Sister City
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	NA
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. 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).

9.2 UPDATE ON SIGNING OF THE DENPASAR AND DARWIN LETTER OF INTENT FOR A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Author: Executive Manager Growth & Development Services
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services
Attachments: 1. Final Draft Letter of Intent for Sister City Relationship

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Signing of the Denpasar and Darwin Letter of Intent for a Sister City Relationship be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee recommend a member to sit on the Denpasar/Darwin virtual working group.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Sister City Committee on the signing of the Letter of Intent for a Sister City Relationship between the City of Denpasar and the City of Darwin, and to seek recommendation for a member of the Sister City Committee to sit on a Denpasar/Darwin virtual working group.

KEY ISSUES

- The Lord Mayor of Darwin, the Hon Kon Vatskalis, and the Mayor of Denpasar, I Gusti Ngurah Jaya Negara virtually signed the Letter of Intent for a Sister City Relationship on the 28 June 2021.
- There were approximately 60 attendees who participated in the virtual ceremony. The International Relations Committee members were invited to the ceremony.
- The aim of the Letter of Intent is to establish friendly relations and to promote mutually beneficial cooperation between the two cities, including an intention to promote prosperity and the provision of better public services in the following areas;
 - a. Culture and Tourism Promotion;
 - b. Development of Creative Economy; and
 - c. Development of Human Resource Capacity Building.
- A virtual working group will now be created to set some tangible goals for the next 12 months, develop ideas for future projects and initiatives, and draft a Memorandum of Understanding for a Sister City Relationship.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin through the Lord Mayor expressed an interest to establish a Friendship City with City of Denpasar on 29 July 2020.

As per the regulation of the Indonesia Central Government, there is to be no friendship relationships. However, the Government confirmed that there could be a Letter of Intent of Sister City Relationship; which then moves on to Memorandum of Understanding of Sister City of Relationship within one (1) year.

City of Darwin Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City supports City of Darwin to enter into International Relationships with other cities. As per the Policy, before a Sister City relationship can commence, a city must have had a strategic partnership arrangement in place for a minimum period of two (2) years. Council resolved on the 11 May to allow for a one (1) year period as requested by the Indonesia Central Government.

The Letter of Intent was signed virtually on the 28 June 2021, following approval from City of Darwin and the Indonesia Central Government. See Attachment 1 for a copy of the Letter of Intent.

The aim of the Letter of Intent is to establish friendly relations and to promote mutually beneficial cooperation between the two cities, including an intention to promote prosperity and the provision of better public services in the following areas;

- a. Culture and Tourism Promotion;
- b. Development of Creative Economy; and
- c. Development of Human Resource Capacity Building.

A virtual working group will now be created to set some tangible goals for the next 12 months, develop ideas for future projects and initiatives, and draft a Memorandum of Understanding for a Sister City Relationship. A member of the Sister City Committee will be invited to be on the working group.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 11 May 2021 meeting Council resolved:

1. THAT the report entitled Letter of Intent of Sister City Relationship between Darwin and Denpasar be received and noted.

<p>2. THAT Council endorses the signing of Letter of Intent of Sister City Relationship with City of Denpasar, subject to the approval of the Indonesia Central Government.</p> <p>Council resolved on 14 July 2020</p> <p>1. THAT the report 'Review of Sister Cities Committees and International Relations Policy 053' be received and noted.</p> <p>2. THAT Council adopt the revised Sister Cities Committees and International Relations Policy with immediate effect.</p>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.1 Vision and Culture
CRITICAL DATES	
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p>Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is:</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed NA</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	NA
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>External</p> <p>Media release</p>
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view</p> <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser 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>

**PERNYATAAN KEHENDAK
ANTARA
PEMERINTAH KOTA DENPASAR
REPUBLIK INDONESIA
DAN
PEMERINTAH KOTA DARWIN
NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA
MENGENAI
PEMBENTUKAN KERJA SAMA KOTA BERSAUDARA**

Pemerintah Kota Denpasar, Republik Indonesia, dan Pemerintah Kota Darwin, Australia , selanjutnya disebut sebagai "Para Pihak";

Berkeinginan untuk membentuk hubungan yang baik dan mendorong kerja sama yang menguntungkan antara kedua kota;

Mengakui pentingnya prinsip persamaan dan saling menguntungkan;

Sesuai dengan hukum dan peraturan perundang-undangan yang berlaku di negara masing-masing;

Dengan ini menyatakan kehendak para Pihak untuk membentuk kemitraan dan kerja sama untuk meningkatkan kesejahteraan dan penyediaan pelayanan public yang lebih baik, di bidang-bidang berikut:

- a. Promosi Pariwisata dan Budaya;
- b. Pengembangan Ekonomi Kreatif; dan
- c. Pengembangan Kapasitas Sumber Daya Manusia.

Pelaksanaan kerja sama pada bidang-bidang yang telah disetujui dengan penandatanganan Memorandum Saling Pengertian oleh "Para Pihak" paling lambat 1 (satu) tahun setelah penandatanganan Pernyataan Kehendak ini.

Dibuat secara duplikat di Darwin pada tanggal 18 Juni 2021 dan di Denpasar pada tanggal 18 Juni 2021, masing-masing dalam Bahasa Indonesia dan Inggris. Dalam hal terjadi perbedaan penafsiran atas naskah Pernyataan Kehendak ini, maka naskah Bahasa Inggris yang berlaku.

**UNTUK KOTA DARWIN,
NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA**

**UNTUK PEMERINTAH KOTA
DENPASAR, REPUBLIK INDONESIA**

**THE HON. KON VATSKALIS
WALIKOTA DARWIN**

**I GUSTI NGURAH JAYA NEGARA, SE.
WALIKOTA DENPASAR**

**LETTER OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF DENPASAR
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND
THE CITY OF DARWIN
NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA
ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SISTER CITY COOPERATION**

The City Government of Denpasar, of the Republic of Indonesia and the City of Darwin, of Australia, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

Desiring to establish friendly relations and to promote mutually beneficial cooperation between the two cities;

Recognizing the importance of the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

Pursuant to the prevailing laws, and regulations in their respective countries;

Do hereby declare their intention to establish and cooperation to promote prosperity and the provision of better public services, in the following areas;

- a. Culture and Tourism Promotion;
- b. Development of Creative Economy; and
- c. Development of Human Resource Capacity Building.

The implementation of cooperation on agreed areas shall be carried out through the conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed by the Parties no later than 1 (one) year after the signing of this Letter of Intent.

Signed in duplicate in Darwin, on 18 of June 2021, and in Denpasar on 18 of June 2021 in Indonesian and English languages. In case of any divergences of interpretation of this Letter of Intent, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE CITY OF DARWIN,
NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA**

**FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF
DENPASAR, OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA**

**THE HON. KON VATSKALIS
LORD MAYOR OF DARWIN**

**I GUSTI NGURAH JAYA NEGARA, S.E.
MAYOR OF DENPASAR**

9.3 WELCOMING CITIES

Author: Executive Manager Growth & Development Services
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services
Attachments: 1. Welcoming Cities Overview
2. Welcoming Cities Accreditation
3. List of Welcoming Cities Members

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Welcoming Cities be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee endorse for the City of Darwin to join and participate in the Welcoming Cities network, a network of cities and communities that are committed to becoming more welcoming and inclusive.
3. THAT this report be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with Section 75 and 76 of the Local Government Act 2008 and that the document remains confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.
4. THAT this decision be moved into Open once Council approves the City of Darwin becoming a Welcoming City.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Welcoming City framework and to seek endorsement from the Sister City Committee for the City of Darwin to become a Welcoming City.

KEY ISSUES

- Welcoming Cities is a national network of cities, shires, towns and municipalities who are committed to an Australia where everyone can belong and participate in social, cultural, economic and civic life.
- Welcoming Cities is an initiative of Welcoming Australia, supported by the Scanlon Foundation.
- To become a member, Council must return a Commitment Form, signed by the Mayor or CEO that highlights the commitment of the Council to join and participate in a network of cities and communities that are committed to becoming more welcoming and inclusive.
- The benefits of becoming a Welcoming City include knowledge sharing, partnership development, celebrating success and standards and accreditation.

DISCUSSION

Welcoming Cities is a national network of cities, shires, towns and municipalities who are committed to an Australia where everyone can belong and participate in social, cultural, economic and civic life. See **Attachment 1** for an overview of Welcoming Cities. Welcoming Cities was established in recognition that local councils understand the complexity and diversity of their communities and can play an important role creating welcoming communities as brokers and leaders within their community.

Welcoming Cities is a Founding Partner of Welcoming International – a growing network of more than 250 municipalities across the world.

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Welcoming Cities recognises that, of all tiers of government, local councils are best placed to understand the complexity and diversity of their communities. However, they often engage in this work with limited resources and support. Members of Welcoming Cities have unprecedented access to a community of like-minded Local Governments and community stakeholders through:

1. Knowledge Sharing - supporting local governments and communities to learn from each other and access resources, research, policies, and case studies.
2. Partnership Development - brokering meaningful multi-sector partnerships that foster a sense of belonging and participation for all members of the community.
3. Standard and Accreditation - developing and accrediting The Welcoming Cities Standard to benchmark policy and practice in cultural diversity and inclusion.
4. Celebrating Success - showcasing leading practice through a National Award focused on responses by local government and communities to welcoming efforts.

Benefits to Council

- Complement, showcase and enhance the Council's commitment and leadership in cultural diversity
- Provide Council with access to best practice evidence and examples of programs and approaches that foster inclusive communities
- Provide media and publicity opportunities for Council

Benefits to community

- When people feel welcome they are more likely to participate in community life; and
- People's sense of belonging and connectedness is improved through greater insight and understanding of different cultures living within their community.

To be recognised as a member, a council must return a Commitment Form available to download from the Welcoming Cities website, signed by the Council's Mayor or CEO. This form highlights the commitment of the council to:

- Join, and participate in, a network of cities and communities that are committed to becoming more welcoming and inclusive.
- Identify at least one key staff contact that will liaise directly with the Welcoming Cities team.
- Communicate regularly with the Welcoming Cities team, through at least three conference calls each year and an annual in-person meeting, to progress planning and share and learn from practices of other welcoming cities and communities.

Once the commitment form is returned and processed, members are part of the network and can begin to access a range of benefits.

The Welcoming Cities Standard (The Standard) is a central element of the Welcoming Cities

network. See **Attachment 2** for information on accreditation. The Standard establishes the framework for local councils to:

- benchmark their cultural diversity and inclusion policies and practices across the organisation;
- identify where and how further efforts could be directed; and,
- assess progress over time.

The Standard applies to all local councils in Australia. This includes cities, shires, towns, or municipalities. Councils can access and progress through the Standard according to their capacity and resources. These levels (from lowest to highest) are Committed, Established, Advanced, Excelling, and Mentoring.

The Standard allows Council to benchmark current activity against six categories:

- Leadership
- Social and Cultural Inclusion
- Economic Development
- Learning and Skills Development
- Civic Development
- Places and Spaces

The extent to which local councils measure their activity against the Standard is based on their understanding of their community's needs. It is noted that local councils are already addressing elements of the Standard. The Standard validates existing efforts and recognises the connections to fostering cultural diversity and inclusion.

Whilst accreditation can bolster the organisations' on-going capacity and systems; it is possible to be an active member of the network without undergoing the accreditation process. That is, member councils are able to remain as a 'Committed' member and participate in the network (access to resources and practice) without going through the formal accreditation process.

A decision to undertake the accreditation would be considered following formal commitment to becoming a member of the network. Following formal commitment to the network the staff would complete an informal benchmarking process against the standard and then make a recommendation of accreditation level.

Council can either join as a "Free" or "Premium" member. Premium members pay an annual subscription which includes additional benefits such as access to higher levels of accreditation, opportunities to present to peers and industry leaders at the annual Welcoming Cities Symposium and a suite of resources and support materials. Pricing is dependant on the population of council, the cost for the City of Darwin would be \$3,000 per year.

Welcoming Cities aligns with the City of Darwin's 2030 Strategic Plan, City for People. City of Colour, the International Relations Program, Place Scores and Reconciliation Action Plan.

See **Attachment 3** for a list of Welcoming City members.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

NA

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

5 A Vibrant and Creative City

5.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination.

CRITICAL DATES

BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Budget/Funding: Free for membership Is Funding identified: NA
RISK ASSESSMENT	Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	NA
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	A vibrant and creative community
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. 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).



Diversity is our reality. Inclusion is a choice.

Welcoming Cities supports local councils, and their communities, to become more welcoming and inclusive. We are a national network of cities, shires, towns and municipalities who are committed to an Australia where people of all backgrounds have equal opportunity to belong, contribute and thrive.



Our Challenge and Opportunity

The benefits of migration, cultural diversity and social cohesion are not being enjoyed by all.

Australia is a nation of disparate narratives. Our population and economic distribution is polarised, with communities experiencing either:

- **Rapid growth** and trying to advance social cohesion and economic participation; or
- **Stagnation and decline** and the challenge of attracting and retaining migrants and newcomers.

The continued success of multicultural Australia will depend on our ability to embrace diversity, foster social cohesion and build economic success in the face of complex population challenges.

How We Help

Welcoming Cities recognises that, of all tiers of government, local councils are best placed to understand the complexity and diversity of their communities and facilitate a whole-of-community approach. We support local councils and community leaders through a network built around:



Knowledge Sharing

Supporting local governments to access evidence-based research, resources, policies and case studies.



Partnership Development

Facilitating & resourcing multi-sector partnerships to maximise learning, reach and impact.



Celebrating Success

Recognising local governments that demonstrate leading practice and innovation in welcoming efforts.



Standard + Accreditation

Setting the National Standard for cultural diversity and inclusion policy and practice in Local Government.

The Welcoming Cities Standard

The Welcoming Cities Standard is a peer-reviewed and highly regarded resource that establishes the cultural diversity and inclusion benchmarks and framework for local councils to:

- Establish a positive and welcoming reputation;
- Increase the impact of council initiatives for the whole community;
- Plan, learn and improve; and,
- Assess progress over time.

Welcoming International

Welcoming Cities is a Founding Partner of Welcoming International - a growing network of more than 200 municipalities across the world.

Get Involved

Join a network of cities, regions and communities committed to leveraging the ideas and innovation that come from being welcoming and inclusive.

info@welcomingcities.org.au
welcomingcities.org.au

“The process of becoming accredited as a Welcoming City has allowed us to explore how we are tracking in cultural diversity and inclusion work, including supporting reconciliation for Greater Bendigo. Gathering evidence from our partners and across the city has given us insight into the breadth of work we are doing, and a roadmap to address gaps in the future.”

Jac Torres-Gomez,
City of Greater Bendigo

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How to Become an Accredited Welcoming City

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Welcoming Cities supports local councils, and their communities, to work towards greater social, cultural, civic and economic success.

Assessment and Accreditation as a Welcoming City allows councils to benchmark progress and identify gaps in their welcoming and inclusion practice.

Getting started

Once a council has become a Committed member of the Welcoming Cities Network they can undertake accreditation. The first step is to decide which level of accreditation suits your council. The table below indicates the categories (1-6) to be addressed in each level of accreditation. Evidence needs to be supplied for each indicator of the relevant categories.

Evidence Categories

The six categories and associated indicators have been extensively developed and reviewed to ensure they are the leading practice indicators for social cohesion in diverse communities. Evidence that a council is meeting these indicators is uploaded via the Accreditation Portal and is sorted into three key areas: Policy, Internal Implementation and External Implementation.



Committed	Established	Advanced	Excelling	Mentoring
Council signed on to be a member of the Welcoming Cities Network	1. Leadership	1. Leadership	1. Leadership	Excelling, plus approval by Advisory Committee
		2. Social & Cultural Inclusion	2. Social & Cultural Inclusion	
		3. Economic Development	3. Economic Development	
			4. Learning & Skills Development	
			5. Civic Development	
			6. Places & Spaces	

Accreditation Cost

Level	Assessment Type	Cost
Established	Self-Assessment	\$2,000 for 3 years accreditation
Advanced	External Assessment	\$5,000 for 3 years accreditation
Excelling	External Assessment	\$10,000 for 3 years accreditation
Mentoring	Achievement of Excelling level and submission of Mentoring application letter	No further cost to Excelling accreditation

All prices ex GST

In order to ensure the evidence submitted by councils is relevant and up-to-date, accreditation expires every three years. Councils wishing to maintain their level or progress to the next stage must re-apply.

Accreditation has provided the clarity of our strengths and areas for improvement, but it's also been very powerful in helping to demonstrate our commitment and leverage new partnerships and resources.

Steven Abbott

Manager, Community Partnerships
City of Greater Bendigo

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welcomingcities.org.au/get-involved



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Assessment

Each level of accreditation is assessed to ensure the evidence submitted meets the criteria outlined in the Welcoming Cities Standard. There are different processes for each assessment.



Established Accreditation

Self-assessment

The Established level of accreditation assesses a council's compliance with the Leadership category of the Welcoming Cities Standard. The self-assessment is completed by relevant council staff and signed off by the council's Mayor or CEO. It is then approved by Welcoming Cities staff.



Advanced Accreditation

External assessment

The Advanced level of accreditation assesses a council's compliance with the first three categories of the Welcoming Cities Standard. The assessment is completed by relevant council staff and is reviewed by an expert external reviewer. Where possible councils will be supported by a similar accredited council. The intention of the peer-support is to encourage knowledge sharing and cooperation between councils.



Excelling Accreditation

External assessment

The excelling level of accreditation assesses a council's compliance with all six categories of the Welcoming Cities Standard. Assessment is conducted by an expert external reviewer contracted by Welcoming Cities. Councils will receive an extensive report which outlines their rating and a set of recommendations for further improvement.



Mentoring Level Accreditation

Approval by Advisory Committee

All councils that achieve the Excelling Accreditation can apply to be recognised as a Mentoring Welcoming City. To be considered, a Council will submit a letter to the Welcoming Cities Advisory Committee outlining their intention to:

- provide leadership to the local government sector;
- build the capacity of the sector; and
- demonstrate innovation in welcoming initiatives.

For detailed information on the process of accreditation see [The Welcoming Cities Guide to Successful Accreditation](#).



List of Member Councils

Australian Capital Territory (1)

Australian Capital Territory

New South Wales (12)

Lake Macquarie City Council
City of Parramatta
City of Newcastle
City of Sydney
Waverley Council
City of Blacktown
City of Canterbury-Bankstown
Leeton Shire Council
City of Wagga Wagga
Liverpool City Council
City of Ryde
Wollongong City Council

Queensland (10)

Balonne Shire Council
Livingstone Shire Council
Brisbane City Council
Central Highlands Regional Council
Toowoomba Regional Council
City of Townsville
Gladstone Regional Council
Bulloo Shire Council
Paroo Shire Council
Cairns Regional Council

Tasmania (4)

Glenorchy City Council
City of Hobart
West Coast Council
City of Clarence

Victoria (17)

Moreland City Council
City of Greater Bendigo
City of Whittlesea
Warrnambool City Council
City of Darebin
City of Monash
Hume City Council
Knox City Council
City of Yarra
Ararat Rural City Council
City of Melton
Wyndham City Council
City of Greater Dandenong
Manningham Council
City of Melbourne
Moonee Valley City Council
Banyule City Council

Western Australia (4)

City of Stirling
City of Canning
City of Cockburn
City of Melville

South Australia (8)

City of Adelaide
City of Port Adelaide Enfield
City of Tea Tree Gully
The Rural City of Murray Bridge
City of Unley
Tatiara District Council
City of Salisbury
City of Playford

9.4 SISTER CITY COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Author: Executive Manager Growth & Development Services
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Sister City Committee Budget Update report be received and noted.

COST CENTRE	ITEM	EXPENSE
MATERIALS	DILI DONATION STAND INDIA STREET FOOD BUSINESS MEETINGS SISTER CITIES NOVELTY CHEQUE GREEK INDEPENDENCE WREATH CULTURAL EXCHANGE GIFTS DICTIONARY	\$2216
NON-CONTRACT SERVICES	DRINK BOTTLES FREIGHT VIDEO PRODUCTION GREEK BICENTENNIA PHOTOGRAPHY ANCHORAGE AUDIO LAUNCH	\$470
POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	PARKING	\$18
ADVERTISING	GLENTI SPONSORSHIP BANNERS INDIA STREET FOOD FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP	\$9,534
DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS	DILI DONATION AUSTRALIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP DINNER	\$5,500
BANK CHARGES	ANNUAL FEE	\$40
REFRESHMENTS/FOOD	COMMITTEE REFRESHMENTS/FOOD AT MEETINGS, MINDIL MARKET, INDIA STREET FOOD FESTIVAL, ANCHORAGE LAUNCH	\$613
TOTAL		\$18,391.31
CARRYFORWARD REQUEST	EXPO TRADE SHOW 2022	\$10,000

9.5 THANK YOU TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Author: Project Officer City Planning

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

City of Darwin acknowledge the contribution of the following committee members.

Terry Hartin for assistance in raising funds for the Sister City donation to Dili which included stalls at Mindil Beach Sunset Market and India Street Festival.

Tony Miadouis for assistance in coordination of the Sister City support of GlENti 2021.

9.6 LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

Author: Executive Manager Growth & Development Services
Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services
Attachments: 1. Letter of condolence (unsigned)

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this report is to advise the Sister City Committee that a letter of condolence was sent to Ms May Ririhena's family from the Lord Mayor and on behalf of the City of Darwin and Sister City Committee.

Ms Ririhena was a Committee Member on the Ambon Sister City Committee. May was very helpful with the Committee's relationship with the previous secondary school (SMA) Negeri 6 near Amahusu and the annual teacher student/exchange with Kormilda College and now Haileybury Rendall School, which lasted quite a few years.

The City of Darwin would like to thank Ms Christine Silvester for her support in reviewing the letter of condolence and determining the appropriate person to send the letter to.



**Office of the Lord Mayor
City of Darwin**

Thursday, 8 July 2021

Tilly Soukotta
tillysoukotta@gmail.com

Dear Ms Soukotta,

It is with sadness that I write on behalf of City of Darwin and the Sister City Committee to offer our sincere condolences to your family on the news of May's passing.

May was integral in assisting City of Darwin's Ambon Sister City Committee in establishing an annual teacher and student exchange between secondary school (SMA) Negeri 6 and Kormilda College, now Haileybury Rendall School.

May's assistance allowed many students and teachers from Ambon and Darwin to experience an important cultural exchange between our sister cities.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Yours sincerely

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10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 INTRODUCING IVY

Author: Project Officer City Planning

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

It is with great pleasure that we write this report to introduce you to Miss Ivy.

Cherry Cai, Manager International Business Relations gave birth to Ivy in early June.



12 Next Meeting

13 Closure of Meeting



MINUTES

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 15 April 2021

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM ONE, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,
DARWIN
ON THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2021 AT 5.00PM - 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Mr Tony Miaoudis, Ms Christine Silvester, Ms Themis Magoulis, Mr Ping Lu, Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach, Mr Terry Hartin, Alderman George Lambrinidis, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, Ms Jane Wang

OFFICERS: Cherry Cai (Ms)

OBSERVER: Joshua Sattler (Mr), Alice Percy (Ms)

APOLOGY: Mr Alan Jape, Ms Lisa Malnar, Ms Emily Tyaemaen Ford

GUESTS: Mr Celio Moniz, Consul General; Mr Ronaldo Do Rosario, Secondary Secretary, from Consulate General of the Democratic Republic of Timor – Leste – Darwin NT Australia

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1 Meeting Declared Open

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.10 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

Alan Jape, Lisa Malnar, Ms Emily Tyaemaen Ford

4 LEAVE REQUESTS**a. NOTIFICATION OF PROXY****5 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Alderman George Lambrinidis

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**6.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

6.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Mr Ping Lu

Seconded: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2021 be confirmed.

Carried

8 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

As per below items.

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 OFFICER REPORTS

10.1 HELPING THE PEOPLE OF DILI

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCCCC003/21

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Ms Themis Magoulas

That the Report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to provide the following support to the people of Dili.

- \$5,000 cash donation from the Sister City Committee budget
- Request City of Darwin to provide additional funding support to Dili, Timor Leste
- The Sister City Committee members to contact Kalymnos Brotherhood, Greek builders and other sister cities community group for any available support
- Setup a Donation Stand at the Mindil Beach market for the community's contribution to Dili, Timor Leste

Carried

Alderman George Lambrinidis departed the meeting at 5:44 pm.

10.2 PROGRESS REPORT OF DARWIN SISTER/FRIENDSHIP CITY ONLINE EXPO**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Ms Themis Magoulas

Seconded: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

1. THAT the Report entitled Progress Report of Darwin Sister/Friendship City Online Expo (Expo) be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Committee (the Committee) members, through their connections, will assist in inviting the businesses/schools/cultural groups to participate in the Darwin Sister/Friendship City Online Expo based on a community basis.

Responsible Member	Target Participants	City Name	Target Date	Progress update via email
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools/University/Education Service Provider Tourism Businesses International Oriented Businesses Cultural Organisations 	Tiwi Islands, Australia	3 May 2021	22 April 2021 29 April 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools/University/Education Service Provider Tourism Businesses International Oriented Businesses Cultural Organisations 	Ambon Indonesia	3 May 2021	22 April 2021 29 April 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools/University/Education Service Provider Tourism Businesses International Oriented Businesses Cultural Organisations 	Dili, Timor - Leste	3 May 2021	22 April 2021 29 April 2021

3. THAT the Sister City Committee recommends the actual Expo event to be held on 22-23 June 2022.

4. Sister City Committee members acknowledge that the Council Staff - Manager International Business Relations has done an excellent job.

Carried

10.3 NEW FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL - CITY OF ANTIRABE, MADAGASCAR**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Mr Terry Hartin

That the Report be received and noted.

Carried

10.4 PROGRESS REPORT ON NEW FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL FOR A CITY FROM INDIA AND THE PHILIPPINES**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Ms Themis Magoulas

That the Report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to commence the direct discussions with the governments from the City of Kochi, India and Davao, the Philippines, to form a Friendship City Relationship.

Carried

10.5 AUSTRALIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY FUNDRAISING DINNER INVITATION**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Mr Ping Lu

Seconded: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the Report be received and noted.

Carried

11 MEMBER REPORTS

11.1 GREEK GLENTI 2021

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Ping Lu

Seconded: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the Report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to allocate \$6,000 from Sister City Committee budget for the sponsorship 1 of Darwin Greek Glenti 2021.

That the Sister City Committee recommends to contract the filming maker to make a short video of Glenti 2021.

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to allocate \$6,000 from Sister City Committee budget for the sponsorship 2 of Greek Revolution Independence Concert

That the Sister City Committee members will promote the Sister City Programs and volunteer to present at the Darwin Sister City programs at the Stall if the above sponsorship 1 is endorsed.

- _____ Morning of Saturday 12 June 2021
- _____ Afternoon of Saturday 12 June 2021
- _____ Morning of Sunday 13 June 2021
- _____ Afternoon of Sunday 13 June 2021

Carried

Ms Jane Wang departed the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris departed the meeting at 6:32 pm.

11.2 SISTER CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Ms Themis Magoulas

Seconded: Mr Terry Hartin

That the Report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to allocate \$6,000 from Sister City Committee 2020/21 budget for rewarding City of Darwin Sister Cities' students to complete a proposed project by City of Darwin Sister City Committee within their countries.

Carried

Ms Themis Magoulas departed the meeting at 6:39 pm.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 INDIA STREET FOOD FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Committee will allocate \$2,000 from Sister City Committee budget to setup a stall at the India Street Food Festival.

That the Sister City Committee members will promote the Sister City Programs and volunteer to present at the Darwin Sister City programs at the Stall at the event date on Saturday 1 May 2021.

- _____ Bump in at 12.00pm
- _____ 16.00pm – 20.00pm
- _____ 20.00pm – 10.00pm and Bump out at 10.00pm

Carried

12.2 DARWIN SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MARKETING MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Ms Christine Silvester

That the Report be received and noted.

That the Darwin Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to allocate \$4,000 from the Sister City Committee 2020/21 budget to the development of promo items to be used at Sister City events.

Carried

12.3 GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Ms Christine Silvester

That the Report be received and noted.

Carried

12.4 SISTER CITY SIGNAGE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Ms Vida Ruth Goodvach

That the Report be received and noted.

That the Sister City Committee recommends City of Darwin to explore the public park or space to promote the Sister City programs to the Community.

No Quorum

Ms Christine Silvester departed the meeting at 6:45 pm.

12.5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Mr Terry Hartin

Seconded: Mr Tony Miaoudis

That the Report be received and noted.

No Quorum

13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held from 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm on Thursday 15 July 2021.

14 Closure of Meeting

The Meeting closed at 6.47 pm.