



# **AGENDA**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Friday, 10 March 2023**

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

**Date: Friday, 10 March 2023**

**Time: 10.00am - 11.00am**

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

**Webcasting:**

**Simone Saunders  
Chief Executive Officer**

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff  
Austrade Territory Liaison Adviser Daniel Hall  
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CEO of Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah  
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Alternate Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

## **OFFICERS**

Manager of Economic Development and International Relations

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**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

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**3.1 Apologies**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

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VP Global and External Relations of CDU

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**4.1 Electronic Attendance**

**4.2 Electronic Attendance Notified**

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Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## 9 OFFICER REPORTS

### 9.1 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE BACOLOD CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, PHILIPPINES

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**Attachments:** 1. City of Bacolod friendship city proposal [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Council Officers plan to recommend the following at a subsequent Council meeting:

1. THAT the report entitled 'Friendship City proposal with the Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, The Philippines' be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee provide feedback to the City of Darwin on the friendship city proposal from the City of Bacolod.

#### PURPOSE

This report aims to provide International Relations Advisory Committee with information and to gather feedback relating to a proposal for a new Friendship City relationship from Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, The Philippines.

#### KEY ISSUES

- City of Darwin International Relations and Sister City Policy 053 provide the framework to consider the Council's relationships with international governments of cities, regions, and districts.
- On 7 November 2022, the Consulate General of The Philippines Darwin sent a proposal to the City of Darwin, putting forward interest in establishing a Friendship City relationship between Bacolod City and City of Darwin.
- The Sister City Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended Council consider establishing a Friendship City relationship with the City of Bacolod on 23 November 2022.
- In accordance with the International Relations Policy framework, a friendship agreement is a strategic partnership.

**DISCUSSION****Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City**

As outlined in *Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City*, international relationships may be formal or informal and may include: strategic partnerships; or Sister City relationships. 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.

Strategic partnerships include:

- Friendship Agreement
- Partnership Agreement
- Memorandum of Cooperation Agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Letter of Intent or Agreement
- Strategic Partnership Agreement

Council resolved to commence a proposal for a Friendship City relationship with the government from Davao City, The Philippines in July 2022. To date, City of Darwin has not had a response from the Mayor's office of Davao City. The Philippine Honorary Consul General Darwin, Mr. John Rivas AM, therefore, suggested establishing a Friendship City with Bacolod City. Please see the Friendship City proposal from Bacolod City in **Attachment 1**.

As advised, since 2012, the City of Bacolod and the Province of Negros Occidental have had strong links with Darwin and the Northern Territory Government in terms of education and training, businesses, sports, and cultural exchange.

This report recommends Council acknowledge and support the Friendship City proposal with Bacolod city and endorse City of Darwin to continue the discussion with the Bacolod Government.

The Sister City Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended Council to consider establishing a Friendship City relationship with the City of Bacolod on 23 November 2022. It is noted that this proposal does not change interest to continue establishing Friendship City relations with the City of Davao, island of Mindanao, The Philippines.

The below criteria were used for the primary assessment to consider entering any international city relationship:

- People-to-People Relations
- Gross Domestic Product
- Economic Activity
- Potential
- Investment

- Commercialisation
- Academic organisations
- Innovation
- Tourism
- Affiliations: Candidate cities should have a Chamber of Commerce or other business or industry associations – or if equivalent bodies are not the custom in the country, somebody through which the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Darwin may engage with business entities in that City or state/province.

The International Relations Advisory Committee is recommended to provide feedback on the friendship city proposal with the City of Bacolod for the Council's consideration.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 25 May 2021 meeting Council resolved:

1. THAT the report entitled Friendship City Proposal for City of Kochi, India and Davao City, Philippines be received and noted.
2. THAT Council supports the commencement of Friendship City Relationships with the governments from City of Kochi, India, and Davao City, the Philippines.

At the 26 July 2022 meeting Council resolved:

1. THAT Council endorses the proposed International Relations and Sister City Policy 053.

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	4 A Smart and Prosperous City 4.2 By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> NA <b>Is Funding identified:</b> NA <b>Existing Position No:</b> NA <b>Contractor:</b> NA
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Local Government Act 2019 <b>Policy:</b> Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult <b>Tactics:</b> N/A <b>Internal:</b> N/A <b>External:</b> Sister City Advisory Committee International Relations Advisory Committee



	Email and phone contact with Bacolod City Government Formal letter to Bacolod City
<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 has 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>



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA**

Ms. Cherry Cai  
Manager, International Business Relations  
Darwin City Council Friendship City Relations  
Darwin, NT, Australia

Re: Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines  
For Friendship City Relation with Darwin City

Dear Ms. Cai,

I wish to put forward again the interest of Bacolod City, Negros Occidental to be considered for the Friendship City Relationship with the City of Darwin.

Since 2012 to present, the City of Bacolod and the Province of Negros Occidental have established strong links with Darwin City and with the NT Government through the Office of the Department of Business, Tourism and Trade, currently known as DITT (Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade).

In July, through the invitation of Alderman Brian O’Gallagher, I attended the briefing of the Darwin City Council in August 2022 when the Philippine Ambassador, Her Excellency Ma Helene De La Vega made a courtesy visit to His Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor of Darwin Kon Vaskalis. In that briefing, I pointed out the strong links between the two cities which are the reasons for considering the two cities in a Friendship Relation.

Mayor Vatskalis instructed John Rivas AM, the Philippine Consul General ad honorem, to request the current Mayor of Bacolod City to initiate the invitation the Darwin City Mayor and his Aldermen to visit

Bacolod City. That was the start of the initiation or drive for the pursuit of Friendship City Relations between the Cities of Bacolod and Darwin.

The Mayor of Bacolod, Hon Alfredo Benitez invited the Mayor of Darwin and his Aldermen to come as Official Guests to the Major Festival of that City – Masskara Festival. That invitation was handed over by Alderman O’Gallagher to Darwin Lord Mayor. However, there was no reply as yet to that invitation.

The Philippine Consul General and Mr. Brian O’Gallagher discussed with the Mayor of Bacolod the reasons for establishing this Friendship City connections between Darwin and Bacolod.

The main points that support the interests in establishing the Friendship City Relation between Darwin City and Bacolod City include the following:

**a. Education and Training:**

The City of Bacolod and Negros Occidental have jointly supported the Study NT Program of Darwin by signing a memorandum of agreement with the two local vocational colleges, based in Darwin, ICAE (International College of Advanced Education) and AKC (Alana Kaye College) for funding international students from the Bacolod City and Province of Negros Occidental to take up studies in Hospitality, Commercial Cookery in 2019 leading to the completion of the studies of 7 students; and now in 2022, 10 international students to take up Child Care Studies at AKC and Commercial Cookery at ICAE. Both programs are to advance and further the training of citizens of Bacolod in this field. The student intake in 2019 are now on the process of obtaining their permanent residence visa to fill in the skills shortages in this city.

**b. Participation the Arafura Games.**

Bacolod City sent athletes that participated in the last Arafura Games and returned home with bags of medals in Swimming, Track and Fields and Boxing competitions.

**c. Darwin Regional Business Forum in 2018**

The Governor of Negros Occidental actively promoted business links between the two regions ie Northern Territory and Province of Negros Occidental by presenting Central Philippines in the Regional Business Forum organised by the NT Chamber of Commerce and the NT Government. Governor Alfredo Maranon was one of the Guest Speakers in that Regional Business Forum. On the final day and conclusion of that Business Forum, Governor Maranon was offered by the NT Business Chambers to host the new Regional Business Forum in Bacolod City to be hosted by the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental. The event was scheduled in Bacolod City on November of 2020. Unfortunately, all preparations for this major event in Asia including North Australia were interrupted by the Covid 19 Pandemic. Talks on reviving this event is on the drawing board.

**d. Participation of Governor Maranon at the BIMP-EAGA Conference in Darwin in 2018**

Governor Maranon of Negros Occidental and his party of 3 were guests presenter at the Conference of BIMP-EAGA (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines East Asian Grown Area) in Darwin in 2018. Governor Maranon highlighted the importance of links between regions in Asia and Northern Territory. One of the links is the friendship through sports and cultural exchange.

**e. Cultural Dance Troupe at the Filipino Community Barrio Fiesta**

Negros Occidental Dance Troupe from Bacolod, Kaanyag Dance Company performed at the Filipino Australian Association of the NT,

Inc. Barrio Fiesta in 2010, 2011. The Busilak Dance Dance Troup from Southland College Negros Occidental perform also at the FAANT Barrio Fiesta in 2017 and 2018. Dance Choreographer from Bacolod City came through the invitation of the Filipino community in Darwin to train the local Filipinos in traditional dances for the celebration for the Philippine Independence in June of 2014 and 2015 and Barrio Fiesta in the same year.

**f. Primary School Teachers from Bacolod City participated in learning the Walker Approach at Anula Primary School**

Through the 5-year Framework of Collaboration signed by the Negros Occidental Provincial Governor and the CEO of NT Department of Education, 6 Teachers came to Darwin on a week-long special mission to learn the Walker Approach to Teaching English at Anula Primary School and Sanderson Middle School as tools for enhancing the teaching of program on various schools in Bacolod city and neighbouring areas. That Teacher Training Program was designed for knowledge and skills transfer from Darwin to Bacolod City and the Province of Negros Occidental as an integral part of the 5 Year Framework of Collaboration mentioned above.

**g. Reciprocal visit of NT Educators to Bacolod city and other centres of the Province of Negros Occidental.**

A delegation from the NT Department of Education, organised by Ms Debbie Liddiard, came to visit NOLITC (Negros Occidental Language and Information Centre) in Bacolod, High Schools in Sagay City, Southland College in Kabankalan in 2018.

That visit was a part of the education and training program for establishing the International School Participation between the schools of the City of Darwin and City of Bacolod.

**h. Teaching of Filipino Language at Casuarina Senior College**

Ms. Dawnie Tagala, Language Teacher at CSC, was one of the

delegates to Bacolod City and Negros Occidental, as mentioned in item g. above. Ms. Darwin Tagala received few teaching resources for her students in Filipino Language at CSC that were donated by the City of Bacolod and Provincial Governor.

**i. Visit of CEO of ICAE and CEO of AKC to Bacolod City and Audience with the Mayor of Bacolod in 2021 and 2022.**

Mr. Sean Mahoney, CEO of ICAE and Ms Alana Kaye College, together with Mr. Brian O’Gallagher and myself visited the City Mayor of Bacolod and the Provincial Governor of Negros Occidental, Hon Eugenio Jose Lacson for the resumption of the regional links between NT and Negros Occidental and furthermore the links between the two cities mentioned.

**j. Strong Expression of Interest from Bacolod City Mayor**

Hon Alfredo Benitez, Mayor of the City of Bacolod, Negros Occidental strongly expresses his interest in establishing the Friendship City connection between his city and Darwin City.

Mayor Benitez has seen the many reasons, as stated in this letter, that strongly support the quest for making the Friendship City Links between Darwin City and Bacolod City.

He has written the invitation to His Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Darwin, Kon Vatskalis to come to Bacolod City.

Mayor Benitez has requested the Governor of Negros Occidental, Hon Eugenio Jose Lacson to present again this EOI of Mayor Benitez to Mayor Vaskalis at courtesy visit of Governor Lacson to Mayor Vatskalis on Tuesday at 930 am on 8 November 2022.

**k. Increasing number of citizens from Bacolod City joining the workforce in Darwin.**

With the skills shortage and the study-earn program, there is an

increasing number of Bacolod City and Negros Occidental actively participating in providing man power for the skills shortage in Darwin and the intake of International students for vocational education programs of the two colleges mentioned.

**l. International students from Negros Occidental and Bacolod City for the nursing training at CDU.**

5 International students from Bacolod City and Negros Occidental came to study at CDU to further their studies and training in nursing. All of whom have settled in Darwin working in hospitals where nurses are in short supply. This was the pre-covid pandemic time. They then became the first front liners during the pandemic time in Darwin.

**m. Immediate Response from the international students of Bacolod to the Covid 19 Pandemic crisis.**

Mr. Michael Sullesta, Study NT International Students who was appointed as Student Ambassadors in 2020 and 2021, was the first responder who organised the group to campaign for international student assistance during the time when jobs for international students were lost due to the pandemic times. Mr. Sullesta and the 6 other international students from Bacolod, through the leadership of Ms. Emcille Wills, also from Negros Occidental, ran 8 weeks of food donations to the international students from Negros Occidental and other countries to attend to the food shortages of international students at those adverse times.

**n. Visit of Governor of Negros Occidental to Darwin, 8 to 10 November 2022**

Through a formal invitation of Hon Nicole Mannison, MLA, Deputy Chief Minister, to Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson, a delegation composed of the Governor as Head of the Delegation and 6 other key Officers in Business, Employment, Education and Training, Tourism and Culture, arrived in Darwin on 6 November 2022 to resume the engagements between NT and Negros Occidental and the visit of the

Negros Occidental Delegations to Darwin Lord Mayor for the pursuit of the Friendship City Relationship. Bacolod City Mayor expresses his interest to visit Darwin City and will discuss the mutual benefits that will be gained from the Friendship City Relationship.

There are the main points for the Darwin City Council International Business Relations to highly consider Bacolod City and Darwin City on a Friendship City Relationship.

The Office of the Philippine Consulate General in Darwin and the entire Filipino Community in Darwin, Palmerston and neighbouring centres in the NT strongly support this endeavour.



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**9.2 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL FROM THE CITY OF KUPANG, EAST NUSA TENGGARA, INDONESIA**

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**Attachments:** 1. **Kupang City Profile** [↓](#)  
2. **Kupang City Photos** [↓](#)  
3. **Draft Memorandum of Understanding** [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Friendship City proposal from the City of Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee provides feedback on the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a friendship city relationship between the City of Darwin and the City of Kupang.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the International Relations Advisory Committee on the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a friendship city between the City of Darwin and the City of Kupang, Indonesia.

**KEY ISSUES**

- City of Darwin received a proposal from the City of Kupang, Indonesia, to establish a Friendship City relationship with Darwin in August 2022 to strengthen cooperation in education, social culture, and economic exchange.
- The Sister City Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended Council to consider establishing a Friendship City relationship with the City of Kupang on 23 November 2022.
- City of Darwin's International Relations and Sister City Policy 053 provides the framework for Councils' relationships with international governments of cities, regions, and districts in other nations. No budget from Council is required for any Strategic Partnership, including the Friendship Cities.
- City of Kupang was the Sister City to the City of Palmerston, but the relationship was ceased in 2009. A letter from the previous Mayor, Robert Macleod, was sent to the Mayor of Kupang advising him that Council had decided not to enter into a new agreement with the City of Kupang. Both City of Palmerston and City of Kupang has confirmed this to Council staff.
- City of Kupang is the capital city of East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. It is the largest city on Timor Island, with a population of around 441,821 (2021).
- City of Darwin resolved on 7 February 2023 to establish a friendship city relationship with the City of Kupang, Indonesia.

**DISCUSSION****Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City**

As outlined in *Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City*, the International Relationships may be formal or informal and may include: Strategic partnerships; or Sister City relationships. 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.

**City of Kupang**

The Friendship City proposal is supported by the East Nusa Tenggara Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia. The proposal is also supported by the Northern Territory Government, in line with the International Engagement Strategy 2022 to 2026. Indonesia has been identified as one of the top five priority markets targeted for engagement in the strategy.

Existing and previous links with Kupang include the soccer competition between Darwin-Dili-Kupang in Oepoi stadium of Kupang city and regular billiard competitions in the past.

The Friendship City relationship will facilitate opportunities within the areas of education exchange, investment, and other import and export products. It will foster cooperation around important key issues including education, tourism, social, cultural and economic development.

Please see the Kupang City profile provided in **Attachment 1 and 2**.

The Sister City Advisory Committee considered the proposal on 23 November 2022 and recommended Council accept the proposal to establish a Friendship City relationship with the City of Kupang. The below criteria were used to assess the Friendship City proposal:

- People to people relations
- Gross Domestic Product
- Economic Growth
- Trade activity
- Investment
- Research commercialisation
- Academic
- Innovation
- Tourism
- Business and industry affiliations

**Next step**

The feedback on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the International Relations Advisory Committee will be presented to Council for consideration. Please see the draft copy in **Attachment 3**.

Once the MOU is approved by the Council, the City of Darwin will send out a formal letter to the Mayor of the City of Kupang to confirm and they will be invited to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on 5 June 2023 at the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival and Trade Show 2023.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 26 July 2022 meeting Council resolved:

THAT Council endorses the proposed International Relations and Sister City Policy 053.

At the 7 February 2023 meeting Council resolved: THAT Council endorses to establish the Friendship City relationship with the City of Kupang, Indonesia.	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	4 A Smart and Prosperous City 4.2 By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> N/A <b>Is Funding identified:</b> N/A <b>Existing Position No:</b> N/A <b>Contractor:</b> N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Local Government Act 2019 <b>Policy:</b> Policy 053 International Relations and Sister cities
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Involve <b>Tactics:</b> N/A <b>Internal:</b> N/A <b>External:</b> East Nusa Tenggara Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia, Sister City Advisory Committee and International Relations Advisory Committee. MOU signing opportunity as part of the Dragon Boat Festival 2023.
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	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.

# CITY OF KUPANG

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## Kupang City of LOVE

- Creation : Acceleration of job opportunities and other opportunities.
- Safe : Creating a safe and peaceful residential environment and climate for self-development.
- Healthy : the formation of reliable, healthy spiritually, physically and energetic human resources.
- Beautiful : the creation of an aesthetically attractive, humanist living environment in a sustainable ecological balance.
- Harmonious : The establishment of reciprocal relationships both physical and non-physical that are balanced, dynamic and sustainable between humans and humans.

# Vision and mission

## Kupang city vision

The Realization of a Liveable, Smart, Independent and Prosperous City of Kupang with Governance Free of Corruption Collusion Nepotism

## Kupang City Mission :

1. Developing healthy human resource, intelligent, moral, professional and competitive Human Resources (Kupang Sehat-Smart).
2. Develop a competitive Kupang City economy by increasing the role of the private sector (Kupang Makmur).
3. Improving social welfare and developing a city culture that is orderly, safe, creative and has achievements in supporting service cities (Kupang Bagaya - Achievement).
4. Preparing the city of Kupang to become an environmentally friendly metropolis (Kupang Hijau).
5. Improving governance that is free from KKN and financial management transparency (Kupang Honest).
6. Build Kupang City as a big house of brotherhood and inter-SARA (Kupang Rukun and Safe) harmony.

# History

The name Kupang actually comes from the name of a king, namely **Nai Kopan** or **Lai Kopan**, who ruled the city of Kupang before the Portuguese came to East Nusa Tenggara. In 1436, the island of Timor had 12 cities but no names were mentioned. This allegation is based on the fact that the port city is located on the coast, and one of them is strategically facing Kupang Bay. This area is the territory of **King Helong** and the king at that time was **King Koen Lai Bissi**.

The name **Lai Kopan** was later referred to by the Dutch as **Koepan** and in everyday language it became **Kupang**. To secure Kupang City, the Dutch established a buffer zone in the area around Kupang Bay by bringing in residents from the islands of Rote, Sabu and Solor. To increase city security, on April 23, 1886, Resident Creeve set city boundaries which were published in Staatblad Number 171 of 1886. Therefore, April 23, 1886, was set as the date of birth of the City of Kupang.

Based on the Kupang Swapraja Decree No. 3 of 1946 dated May 31, 1946, the Kupang Temporary Raad was formed with 30 members. Subsequently in 1949, the City of Kupang obtained the status of *Haminte* with its first mayor **Th. J. Messach**. In 1955, when the General Election was approaching, with the Decree of the Minister of Home Affairs Number PUD.5/16/46 dated October 22, 1955, the City of Kupang was equated with the status of a sub-district.

In 1958 with Law Number 64 of 1958, the Lesser Sunda Province was abolished and 3 autonomous regions were formed, namely the Tk I Self-Registered Region of Bali, the Tk I Self-Registered Region of West Nusa Tenggara and the Tk I Self-Registered Region of East Nusa Tenggara. Then Law Number 69 of 1958 concerning the Establishment of Level II Regions (Kabupaten), which included Kupang Regency. With the Decree of the Governor of the First Level Region of the Province of East Nusa Tenggara Number 17 of 1969 dated May 12, 1969, a sub-district was formed, namely the District of Kupang City.



Kupang City District has experienced rapid development from year to year. Then in 1978 the Kota Kupang District was upgraded to an Administrative City based on Government Regulation No. 22 of 1978, which was inaugurated on September 18, 1978. At that time Drs. Mesakh Amalo was sworn in as the first Administrative Mayor and was later replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Inf. Samuel Kristian Lerik on May 26, 1986 until the status change to become a Level II Municipal Municipality of Kupang. The development of the Administrative City of Kupang has been very rapid for 18 years.

The proposal from the people and the Kupang Administrative City Government to change the status to a Level II Regional Municipality of Kupang was approved by the DPR RI with the ratification of Draft Law Number 5 of 1996 concerning the Establishment of a Level II Regional Municipality of Kupang to become a Law on March 20, 1996 and was stipulated by the President Republic of Indonesia and stated in the State Gazette of the Republic of Indonesia Number 3632 of 1996. The establishment of the Second Level Municipal Municipality of Kupang was inaugurated by the Minister of Home Affairs Mohammad Yogi S. M. on April 25, 1996.

Then with the enactment of Law No. 22 of 1999, the Regional Municipality of Kupang was changed to the City of Kupang. The total population of Kupang City based on Statistical census are 455,847 people.

# Geography

The city of Kupang is a city and at the same time the capital of the province of East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Kupang City is the largest city on Timor Island, located on the coast of Kupang Bay, northwestern part of Timor Island.

Kupang City is located between 10°36'14" - 10°39'58" South Latitude and 123°32'23" - 123°37'01" East Longitude.

The area of Kupang City is 180.27 km<sup>2</sup> with a population of around 441,821 people (2021). The city is divided into 6 sub-districts and 51 urban villages.

# Kupang City Boundary

North : Kupang Bay

East : Kupang Regency

West : Kupang Regency, Semaui Strait

South : Kupang Regency

## Climate

The city of Kupang has a tropical savanna climate with two seasons, namely the dry season and the rainy season.

# Government

The city of Kupang is led by a mayor in carrying out government activities. The mayor is assisted by a deputy mayor, who is elected through a general election every 5 years.

# Transportation

## Air

Kupang City has an airport with the name El Tari Kupang International Airport.

## Sea

The city of Kupang has a seaport with the name "Tenau Harbor."

## Land

The land transportation system of Kupang City is served by minibuses for city transportation which are commonly called bemo.

# Hospitality

The city of Kupang has 65 hotels consisting of budget-class hotels to 4-star hotels

## Education

- Kindergarten Schools : 115 Schools
- Elementary School / Elementary School (State): 60 Schools
- Elementary School / Elementary School (Private): 84 Schools
- Junior High School/SMP (State): 21 Schools
- Junior High School / Junior High School (Private): 35 Schools
- High School/High School (State): 12 Schools
- High School/High School (Private): 29 Schools
- Vocational High School / Vocational High School (State): 8 Schools
- Vocational High School / Vocational High School (Private): 15 Schools
- Universities (State): 5 Universities
- Colleges (Private): 20 Colleges

# Health

The city of Kupang has health service facilities owned by the government and those managed by the private sector

## Government hospital

- W. Z. Johannes Kupang Regional Public Hospital
- Bhayangkara Titus Uly Kupang Hospital
- Wira Sakti Kupang Army Hospital
- Samuel J. Moeda Kupang Naval Hospital
- S.K. Lerik Kupang Regional Public Hospital

## Private Hospital

- Mamami Public Hospital
- Dedari Mother and Child Hospital
- Kartini Hospital
- Leona Hospital
- Siloam Hospital of Kupang
- Carolus Boromeus Khatolic Hospital

# Tourism

Lasiana Beach, Nunsui Beach, Batunona Beach, Tenau Monkey Cave, Sasando Monkey Cave, Mangrove Ecotourism, Batukapala Beach, Ketapang Satu Beach, Namosain Beach, LLBK Beach, Pasir Panjang Beach, Paradiso Beach, Penfui Japan Monument, Tomb of the Taebenu Kings, Kolakaha Bunker, Japanese Cannon Cave, Japanese Cave, Amnesi Springs, Fort Concordia Fort, NTT Cultural Park, and NTT Museum.

# Kota Kupang





TIROSA STATUE

















KUPANG MAYOR OFFICE





KUPANG MAYOR OFFICE





# History



# History





# Transportation



Eltari International Airport









Land Transportation : Bemo and  
Bus inter city





Sea Port Tenau

# Hotel



Neo Hotel





Aston Hotel



Sotis Hotel





On The Rock hotel



Swiss Belinn Kristal Hotel



# University



Citra Bangsa University





Kristen Artha Wacana University





Widya Mandira University

# Hospital



Prof. Dr. W. Z. Johannes Kupang Regional Public Hospital





SK Lerik Regional Public Hospital



Siloam Public Hospital





Kartini Public Hospital

# Tourism





# Tourism



# Tourism





## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA, AND THE CITY OF KUPANG, EAST NUSA TENGGARA PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

City of Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia, and the City of Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara Province, Republic of Indonesia, declare the desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop a friendly and cooperative relationship.

1. The purpose of this MOU is to acknowledge that both cities will contribute to deepening mutual understanding, exchanges, and cooperation.
2. Both cities agree to exchange information actively and cooperate around topics including, but not limited to, Tourism, Sports, Economics and Trade, Health, Education, and Social Culture.
3. Both cities shall act in good faith and shall not provide or disclose confidential information acquired through mutual exchanges to any third party without prior consultation.

Through the signing of this MOU, we aim to achieve a growing appreciation of each other's culture and enhance the people-to-people connections. This agreement sets a strong foundation of mutual respect between both cities.

This MOU will be valid for four years. This MOU shall come into effect from the date of signing and cease upon expiration or shall continue if re-signed by both cities.

This MOU is duplicated in English and Indonesian, both versions being of equal validity.

Signed in Darwin on the fifth day of June 2023, we pledge our cooperation as friendship cities.

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**The Hon. Kon Vatskalis**

**Lord Mayor of the City of Darwin**

**Northern Territory, Australia**

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**George M. Hadjoh**

**Acting Lord Mayor of the City of Kupang**

**East Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia**

**9.3 DARWIN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023 UPDATE**

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report 'Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival 2023 Update' be received and noted.

That the International Relations Advisory Committee members are invited to participate in the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival 2023.

**BACKGROUND**

City of Darwin received a grant from the National Foundation for Australia – China Relations in 2021 to deliver a 2022 Darwin Dragon Boat Festival. The event was postponed to 2023 due to international travel restrictions.

Through a variation to the grant agreement, the event scope was expanded to hold an International Trade Show as part of the Darwin Dragon Boat Festival for 2023. City of Darwin has extended an invitation to all of Darwin's Sister Cities to participate in the Dragon Boat Festival and Trade Show. With an expanded scope, the event will provide the opportunity for greater participation, media coverage, and promotion of Darwin, Chinese communities, and the Sister City Program.

**ABOUT THE EVENT**

The Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival is a two-day international event featuring sport, business, and cultural exchange activities. These activities are designed to support, enhance and promote connections between Darwin and its Sister and Friendship Cities, and to showcase Darwin businesses and our diverse community.

The first day of the Darwin International Boat Festival will be hosted at the Darwin Waterfront on Sunday, 4 June 2023. The festival's program will feature interactive activities, cultural displays, and Dragon Boat Racing demonstrations, with a traditional eye-dotting ceremony taking place before the races start. Experienced teams from Darwin's Sister Cities will also be participating in the races, facilitating deep cultural exchange connections between our cities.

The second day of the Festival will be the Darwin International Trade Show hosted at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin on Monday, 5 June 2023. The Trade Show presents an opportunity for businesses to connect with local and international audiences. This will be an in-person and online hybrid event, connecting Darwin and its Sister Cities to further explore trade opportunities.

**EVENT PROGRAM**

Saturday, 3 June 2023

Venue: Parliament House

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Welcome Reception



Sunday, 4 June 2023

Venue: Darwin Waterfront

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Dragon Boat Race

5.00 pm - 6.00 pm - Award presentation

Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin

7.00 pm – 10.00 pm – Darwin Sister/friendship Cities Gala Dinner

Monday 5 June 2023

Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin

9.00 am – 5.00 pm - Darwin International Trade Show

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm - Business Networking Cocktail Party

**DRAGON BOAT RACE**

The event will begin at 8:00 am with a traditional eye-dotting ceremony to awaken the Dragon - a special ceremony that is done to give life to the Dragon Boats before the races begin. Dragon Boat Racing demonstrations will run throughout the day and will be made up of experienced local, interstate, and Sister City teams. The Dragon Boat Race is a fun, festive race and not intended to be conducted to international standards. The races will be coordinated by the Australian Dragon Boat Federation.

There will also be food stalls and other cultural activities from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The festival's program will also feature hands-on, interactive activities and cultural displays, including lion dancing, paper cutting, Chinese calligraphy, dumpling stalls, table tennis and more, to showcase the diverse and vibrant community here in Darwin. This is a free event and will be open to the general public.

**DARWIN INTERNATIONAL TRADE SHOW 2023**

The Darwin International Trade Show will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin on Monday, 5 June 2023. The Trade Show provides an opportunity for businesses and organisations to promote their products and services to international markets.

Securing a stall at the Darwin International Trade Show 2023 is ideal for businesses and organisations wishing to promote their products and services to international markets. Free stalls are being offered to all businesses and organisations from Darwin and its sister/friendship cities. The registration for stallholders opened on 20 February 2023, and to date, there are around 30 businesses from Denpasar, China, Darwin, and Dili, who have applied for a stall for the Trade Show day.

The day will include panel and dedicated roundtable discussions with individual business and government delegations from China, Indonesia, Timor Leste, and more. The day will be concluded with a Business Networking Cocktail with a potential function to celebrate the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Sister City relationship with the Kalymnos Municipality.

This is also intended to be a free event and open to the interested public. For more information and to register for a stall, visit the [Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival 2023 | Discover Darwin](#).

**INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION**

The following governments have confirmed their participation in the event:

- Dili, Timor Leste with the potential delegation members including the President of Dili Municipality, the Chief of the Tourism Department, and the Chief of Staff,
- Denpasar, Indonesia with the potential delegation members including the Mayor of Denpasar, Chambers, the Tourism Promotion Agency, Universities, and
- Guangzhou Municipal Government, including a dragon boat race team as well as a government delegation with the government leader of the team to be confirmed.

**9.4 INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION UPDATE**

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report providing an update on international delegations to Darwin be received and noted.

**Sister City Denpasar****Background**

City of Darwin's Lord Mayor led a delegation to Denpasar to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) representing a commitment to sister city cooperation with the City of Denpasar from 13 – 17 June 2022.

The Darwin delegation included representatives from the NT Government, Tourism Top End, Chamber of Commerce NT, NT Farmers Association, Australia Indonesia Business Council NT Branch, Charles Darwin University, and Alana Kaye College.

The signing of the agreement was witnessed by the Vice Governor of Bali Province and the Consul General of Australia in Bali. City of Darwin's Lord Mayor signed the MOU with the Mayor of Denpasar on 13 June 2022.

Both cities agree to work together in the promotion of culture and tourism, the development of a creative economy, and the development of human resource capacity building. An Action Plan, included as an Appendix of the MOU, identifies the programs and activities to commence within the first five years.

The MOU representing the sister city relationship between the City of Darwin and City of Denpasar plays a key role in facilitating the people-to-people connection and enhancing the cultural, social, economic, and business exchanges between the two cities.

Since the MOU was established, the City of Darwin has hosted two delegations from Denpasar City. The first delegation was from KOPITU and another was from IPB International. Both delegations were interested in exploring workforce and business opportunities in Darwin.

**KOPITU Delegation**

Last September, the KOPITU delegation met with GTNT and five other industry bodies and government agencies to discuss labor shortages and the opportunities to bring workers from our neighbors in Indonesia. Following this, GTNT Institute of Skills and Training Australia, Northern Territory's largest not-for-profit provider of employment and training services, signed an MOU with three other training centers in Denpasar. The Consul Gulfan Afero from the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia and Acting Chief Executive Officer Matt Grassmayr from the City of Darwin were in attendance to witness the signing.

ISTA: [https://lnkd.in/gkN\\_WnQe](https://lnkd.in/gkN_WnQe)

KOPITU: [www.komite-umkm.org](http://www.komite-umkm.org)

LPK Lumbung: [www.lumbungdeso.com](http://www.lumbungdeso.com)

Bali Sanitya: [www.balisanitya.com](http://www.balisanitya.com)

KOPITU have set up a business and office in Darwin following their signing of an MOU and as an outcome of their initial delegation visit. The worker program is also underway to bring the workers from Denpasar to Darwin under the MOU framework between GTNT and the below training centers. GTNT have also commenced its efforts under the MOU Framework, delivering a Barista short course in Bali. Please see the video link [here](#).



## IPB International

City of Darwin hosted a university delegation from our sister city Denpasar, Indonesia from 6 – 11 February 2023.

The Chair of the Foundation of IPB International, Dr. I Nyoman Gede Astina, along with fellow delegates from Denpasar came to Darwin to meet with various organisations across Darwin during their stay. The meetings held provided an opportunity to discuss study, training, and employment prospects for their students. As part of their visit, our guests also discussed joint research, scholar exchange, and lecturer exchange opportunities with Charles Darwin University.



The delegation visited NT Farmers, the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia, Migration NT, Chamber of Commerce NT, Tourism Top End, Alana Kaye College, Hospitality NT, and Australia Indonesia Business Council NT during the week of their visit. The IPB International delegation discussed the potential for partnerships and cooperation with these stakeholders during the visit.



### **Sister City Dili**

In December 2022, City of Darwin had the pleasure of hosting a government delegation from Dili, our Sister City in Timor Leste. Their visit was focused on learning about waste management practices in Darwin. The tour of the Shoal Bay Waste Management facility included sharing information about the City of Darwin's new industry-leading leachate treatment plant and the recycling initiatives adopted at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility to meet the City of Darwin's recycling and waste diversion targets.

The Timor Leste Government delegation has also visited NT Recycling Solutions and Veolia to learn about their waste recycling management.

City of Darwin delivers the annual Waste Management Learning Program for Timor Leste Government and Dili Municipality as part of the ongoing Sister City arrangement.





**9.5 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee consider and confirm the following time and dates for future Committee meetings:
  - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 31 May 2023
  - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 16 August 2023
  - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 29 November 2023
  - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 13 March 2024
  - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 15 May 2024
  - 11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 26 June 2024

**BACKGROUND**

As per the International Relations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, subject to direction by Council, the Committee will set its meeting schedule the calendar year prior. The Committee will meet at least four (4) times per year and no more than eight (8) times annually, between February and November. Please see the details in the [1225 001 E R TOR International Relations Advisory Committee.pdf](#)

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### 10.1 AUSTRADES' EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report presenting information regarding Austrade's Export Market Development Grants be received and noted.

THIS REPORT IS PRESENTED BY DANIEL HALL FROM AUSTRADE.

The Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) program run by Austrade aims to help Australian businesses grow their exports in international markets. These grants encourage small to medium enterprises to market and promote their goods and services globally.

Grants are for eligible promotional activities undertaken by small to medium-sized exporters and representative bodies. Small to medium enterprise (SME) exporters can apply for grants over 8 years in total (but not necessarily consecutively). Representative bodies have no maximum grant years.

Grants for businesses are available in three tiers with each providing a different level of support for SME to help grow and expand to their export markets. The tiers are:

- Ready to export
- Exporting and expanding
- Exporting, expanding, and strategic shift.

#### Applications

Applications open from 9 am AEDT, Wednesday 15 March 2023, and will close at 4 pm AEST, Friday 14 April 2023.

For more information, please visit [Export Market Development Grants Scheme \(EMDG\) - Financial Assistance - Austrade](#).

**10.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATE**

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report 'Members Verbal Update' be received and noted.

The International Relations Advisory Committee members will provide a verbal update on the key projects, programs, policies, strategies, opportunities, developments, or any item considered relevant to international relations for Darwin and the Northern Territory.

**11      GENERAL BUSINESS**

**12      NEXT MEETING**

11.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday 31 May 2023

**13      CLOSURE OF MEETING**





# **MINUTES**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 26 October 2022**

**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, 26 OCTOBER 2022 AT 2PM - 3PM**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Lord Mayor Vim Sharma  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone  
GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff  
General Manager Innovation Alice Percy  
Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet  
CEO of Port of Darwin Peter Dummett  
CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland  
A/g Director, Northern Territory Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Alison Edye  
CEO of Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah  
GM of Dept of Tourism, Industry and Trade NT Louis Da Rocha  
Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

**OFFICERS:** Cherry Cai

**APOLOGY:** Vice-President Global and External Relations of CDU Jenny Roberts  
Austrade Stephanie Smith

**GUESTS:** Nil

**OBSERVER:** Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

**Order Of Business**

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**1 Meeting Declared Open**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 2.05 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**

Vice-President Global and External Relations of Charles Darwin Jenny Roberts, Austrade Stephanie Smith

**3.2 Leave of Absence****3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

**4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

CEO of Port of Darwin Peter Dummett, Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

**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 IRACC002/22**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhori

Seconded: GM Innovation Alice Percy

That the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 20 April 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 12/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil



## **9 OFFICER REPORTS**

### **9.1 WELCOME THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2022 - 2024 MEMBERS**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC003/22**

Moved: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

Seconded: GM of Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Louis Da Rocha

THAT the report entitled 'Welcome the International Relations Advisory Committee 2022 – 2024' membership be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### **9.2 DARWIN CITY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023 UPDATE**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC004/22**

Moved: CEO of Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

That the report 'Darwin City Dragon Boat Festival 2023 Update' be received and noted.

That the International Relations Advisory Committee members are invited to participate in and support the Darwin City Dragon Boat Festival 2023.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### **9.3 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OVERVIEW PRESENTATION**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC005/22**

Moved: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

Seconded: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

That the report entitled 'International Relations Advisory Committee Overview Presentation' be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### **9.4 UPDATE ON DARWIN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW 2022**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC006/22**

Moved: GM Innovation Alice Percy

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the report entitled 'Update on Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022' be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### 10.1 VERBAL UPDATE FROM NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022 - 2026 AND FREIGHT AND SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC007/22

Moved: GM of Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Louis Da Rocha

Seconded: CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone

That the report 'Verbal Update from Northern Territory Government on their International Engagement Strategy 2022 – 2026 and freight and supply chain challenges' be received and noted.

**CARRIED 12/0**

### 10.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC008/22

Moved: A/General Director of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Alison Edye

Seconded: CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland

That the report 'Members Verbal Update' be received and noted.

General Manager Innovation Alice Percy updated on the Discover Darwin website that promotes Darwin as a destination to work, live, study, visit and invest.

CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland updated on the Timor Leste NT trade mission and thank you to all the stakeholders involved in the program.

A/General Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Alison Edye updated on the ongoing consultations on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan updated on the Australia Indonesia Business Council Conference – partnering for growth, stronger and together to be held in Darwin from 2 – 4 November, and the Committee members are invited to participate in the conference.

**CARRIED 12/0**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Group photo

## 12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held from 10.30 am -12.00 pm Wednesday 8 March 2023.

The meeting date is conflicting with International Women's Day activities and the new meeting date and time is to be decided via email.

## 13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.04 pm.