



# **AGENDA**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 31 May 2023**

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

**Date: Wednesday, 31 May 2023**

**Time: 11:00 AM**

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

**Webcasting:**

**Simone Saunders  
Chief Executive Officer**

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall

Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

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

City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy

Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone

Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff

Department of Foreign Affairs Donald Mortimore

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

Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah

Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett

Alternate Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

**OFFICERS**

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Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade, General Manager Louis Da Rocha; Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

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International students updates by Ms Shannon Holborn from Charles Darwin University

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### 9.1 DARWIN SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN 2023-24

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development  
**Attachments:** 1. [Sister Cities Action Plan 2023-24](#) [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

The Sister Cities Action Plan 2023-24 was considered and endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 26 April 2023. The Action Plan included the initiatives put forward by the Sister City Advisory Committee. Please see the details as in Attachment 1.

A verbal update on the progress of the 2022/23 initiatives will be provided to the International Relations Advisory Committee members at the meeting, including:

- Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival
- Sister city performances at Darwin Festival 2023
- Kalymnos scholarship program
- Ambon yacht sponsorship: Ambon yacht sponsorship proposal presented in a sperate report.

## City of Darwin's Sister Cities Program Action Plan 2023-24

### Introduction

The Sister City Advisory Committee consists of one Elected Member and nine community members representing the Darwin Community. Its purpose is to provide cross-cultural understanding and build vibrant and connected communities and generating mutual benefits for both cities through the educational, cultural, professional, economic and humanitarian exchange. It is also expected that activities coordinated through the Sister City Program can facilitate the identification and development of business and trade opportunities between Darwin and its Sister Cities.

City of Darwin has one Sister City Advisory Committee for seven sister cities, including Ambon (Indonesia), Anchorage (US), Dili (Timor-Leste), Haikou (China), Kalymnos (Greece), Milikapiti (Northern Territory, Australia) and Denpasar (Indonesia).

City of Darwin's (CoD) International Relations Program supports a variety of activities within the economic development area of the CoD. The program covers three distinct areas:

- Economic development opportunities
- Sister Cities and Friendship Cities
- Delegations and visits.

CoD's international relations efforts contribute to:

- Community and culture - people that visit and settle in Darwin support CoD's vision for a creative, connected, and inclusive city.
- Economy - access to markets, commercial opportunities, international students, and tourists all contribute to Darwin's economic prosperity.

The first main objective of the 2022-24 Committee was to provide proposals for the City of Darwin to consider that align with the goals and objectives identified in the CoD [Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City](#) with the following strategic focus:

- Community and cross-cultural development
- Economic development
- International promotion of City of Darwin

### Process

This action plan is the result of the initial assessments of the proposals considered against the main objectives of the International Relations and Sister Cities programs. Projects with majority support were then prioritised by the Committee. City of Darwin officers reviewed the proposals and considered resources, budgeting, equity and finalised the plan for endorsement.

## Action Plan

<u>Tasks/ Projects Scope/Deliverables</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Budget (est)</u>	<u>Sister City</u>
<p>Support and deliver 2023 Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival – Dragon Boat Race</p> <p>Policy objective alignment: Promote Darwin as a multicultural community that acknowledges, respects, and celebrates cultural diversity; Develop collaborative relationships between cultural and recreational groups and organisations.</p>	2022/23 FY	\$6,000	All, in particular China and Indonesia
<p>International Women’s Day Walk participation</p> <p>Placards, flags, sister cities' shirts</p> <p>Policy objective alignment: Support and resources community-driven initiatives where appropriate</p>	2022/23 FY	\$1,428	All
<p>International Women’s Day Walk participation</p> <p>Placards, flags, sister cities' shirts</p> <p>Policy objective alignment: Support and resources community-driven initiatives where appropriate</p>	2023/24 FY	\$2,000	All
<p>Sister City performances at Darwin Festival 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darwin Festival</li> <li>• Performances groups</li> </ul> <p>Policy objective alignment: Promote Darwin as a multi-cultural community, that acknowledges, respects, and celebrates cultural diversity</p>	2023/24 FY	\$2,400	All
<p>Provision of \$9,000 for a potential project to Milikapiti</p> <p>Policy alignment not identified until knowing what is the specific deliverable of the \$9,000</p>	2023/24	\$9,000	Milikapiti
<p>Support and deliver the 2023 Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival – International Trade Show</p> <p>Policy objective alignment: Foster linkages by providing local businesses with access to new markets and networks; Provide a conduit between local industries and international industries</p>	2022/23 FY	\$6,000	All, in particular China and Indonesia
<p>Sister City business delegation and meetings facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Itinerary arrangement</li> <li>• International delegation meeting attendance</li> <li>• Gifts</li> <li>• Catering</li> </ul>	2022/23 FY	\$1,000	All, in particular Denpasar

Policy objective alignment: Foster linkages by providing local businesses with access to new markets and networks; Provide a conduit between local industries and international industries			
Sister City Online Photo Competition	2023/24 FY	\$5,000	All
<p>A competition for the best story from sister cities to feature on the Discover Darwin website and shared through the LinkedIn international network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To submit a photo with a story connected with the sister city relationship</li> <li>• Sister City Online Photo Competition ToC development</li> <li>• Prize for the winners</li> <li>• Sister City Advisory Committee to be the assessment panel</li> <li>• Invitation letters to sister cities' governments</li> </ul> <p>Policy objective alignment: create mutual economic benefit for both cities</p>			
Kalymnos Scholarship Program – to celebrate the 41 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Darwin and Kalymnos, with the scholarship presentation at the Darwin International Trade Show day Business Networking Cocktail on 5 June 2023.	2022/23 FY	\$6,000 for Scholarship  \$3,000 for Business Networking Cocktail Party	Kalymnos
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSAC and some external members to be the Assessment panel</li> <li>• Student submitted paper subject confirmation</li> <li>• Selection criteria development</li> <li>• Darwin High School and The Municipality of Kalymnos confirmation</li> <li>• Partnership securement</li> <li>• Scholarship presentation preparation</li> </ul>			



Policy objective alignment: Promote and facilitate relationships and opportunities for community development.			
Support the schools in Dili	2022/23 FY	NA	Dili
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To secure a partnership with Rotary or an organisation that already operates in Dili</li> </ul>			
Policy objective alignment: Promote and facilitate relationships and opportunities for community development			
Sponsor the Darwin to Ambon Yacht Rally	Budget from 2022/23 FY	\$8,000	Ambon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsorship benefits discussion</li> <li>Sponsorship Agreement preparation</li> <li>Invitations</li> </ul>			
Policy objective alignment: Increase the number and scale of international events held in Darwin municipality			
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Policy objective alignment: Increase the number and scale of international events held in Darwin municipality			
Kalymnos Scholarship Program	2023/24 FY	\$6,000 for Scholarship	Kalymnos
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSAC to be the assessment panel</li> <li>Selection criteria development</li> <li>Partnership securement</li> <li>Scholarship presentation preparation</li> </ul>			
Policy objective alignment: Promote and facilitate relationships and opportunities for community development.			

**9.2 UPDATE ON THE FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH CITY OF KUPANG AND CITY OF BACOLOD**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report be received and noted.

**City of Kupang, Indonesia**

Council considered a report on the proposal for a friendship city relationship with City of Kupang on 28 March 2023. As part of the report considered, Council endorsed the Letter of Intent to be signed with the City of Kupang as part of the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival 2023.

The Letter of Intent aims to acknowledge that both cities will contribute to deepening mutual understanding, exchanges, and cooperation.

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.

City of Darwin staff are responding with priority, to provide adequate notice to the City of Kupang in enable them to get through their internal and central government approval process and obtain visas to travel to Darwin.

**Bacolod City, The Philippines**

Council considered a report on the proposal for a friendship city relationship with City of Bacolod on 26 April 2023. Council endorsed for officers to pursue a friendship city relationship with Bacolod City as part of the report. It is noted that it is important to continue efforts to establish friendship city relations with the City of Davao also.

City of Darwin will establish contacts and direct communication with Bacolod City Government. With some additional information, City of Darwin can proceed to assess the Friendship City proposal. City of Darwin will provide a more detailed report to Council, once a formal letter from the Mayor of Bacolod has been received. A draft Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared for the Friendship City relationship with the Bacolod City Government for Council consideration and approval.

**9.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FRIENDSHIP CITY WITH HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM**

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

**THIS REPORT TO BE PRESENTATED BY CR ED SMELT.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. THAT the report entitled Establishment of a New Friendship City with Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam be received and noted.
2. THAT City of Darwin begin exploring the opportunity to establish a new friendship city with Ho Chi Minh City.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present a proposal and seek support from the International Relations Advisory Committee to establish a new Friendship City relationship with Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.

**KEY ISSUES**

- There are current efforts being made to establish a flight route directly connecting Darwin with Ho Chi Minh City.
- Darwin has a strong, local Vietnamese-Australian community and historical links in supporting migrants and refugees after the Vietnam War.
- Sister City Advisory Committee provided support to establish a friendship city with Ho Chi Minh at the meeting on 17 May 2023.

**DISCUSSION**

Establishing a strategic relationship with Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam can provide several bases and benefits to City of Darwin and the Darwin community. Some potential reasons and advantages include:

**Economic Opportunities**

Ho Chi Minh City, as the economic hub of Vietnam, offers significant economic opportunities for businesses. Its growing middle class, favourable investment environment, and strategic location make it an attractive destination for trade and investment. Establishing a strategic relationship could open doors to new markets, partnerships, and potential customers.

**Access to the ASEAN Market**

Vietnam is a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a dynamic regional bloc with a combined population of over 650 million people. By establishing a relationship with Ho Chi Minh City, Darwin businesses may be able to gain easier access to the ASEAN market and leverage its growing consumer base.

**Manufacturing and Supply Chain**

Vietnam has emerged as a key player in global manufacturing and supply chains, particularly in sectors like electronics, textiles, and automotive. Ho Chi Minh City is home to numerous industrial parks and manufacturing facilities. A strategic relationship can provide opportunities for collaboration in manufacturing, sourcing, and supply chain optimisation.

**Innovation and Technology**

Ho Chi Minh City has been witnessing a rise in innovation and technology sectors, with a growing start-up ecosystem. Collaborating with local technology companies and start-ups can foster innovation, knowledge exchange, and access to emerging technologies. This can enhance Darwin's competitive advantage and support digital transformation initiatives.

**Cultural Exchange and Tourism**

Establishing a strategic relationship can facilitate cultural exchange and tourism between your team's location and Ho Chi Minh City. Cultural understanding and mutual appreciation can strengthen business relationships, promote tourism flows, and encourage people-to-people connections.

**Education and Research Collaboration**

Ho Chi Minh City is home to several reputable universities and research institutions. A strategic relationship can enable collaboration in education and research, including student exchange programs, joint research projects, and knowledge sharing. This can contribute to the development of talent, skills, and expertise in both locations.

**Diplomatic and Political Cooperation**

Establishing a strategic relationship can strengthen diplomatic ties and political cooperation between your team's location and Ho Chi Minh City. This can create a framework for mutual support on issues of common interest, such as trade agreements, regional stability, and sustainable development.

With support from the International Relations Advisory Committee, City of Darwin staff will begin exploring the potential opportunity with a more detailed analysis and evaluation. The proposal will also be reported to Council for feedback before progressing to analysis, evaluation, and further consultation with relevant stakeholders, including government officials, industry experts, and local partners, to inform the decision-making process.

<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	
Nil	
<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> Nil <b>Is Funding identified:</b> <b>Existing Position No:</b> Y <b>Contractor:</b> Nil
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Local Government Act 2019 <b>Policy:</b> International Relations and Sister cities
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> <b>Tactics:</b> NA <b>Internal:</b> NA <b>External:</b> NA
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	The report author doesn't have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser doesn't 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).

**10 MEMBER REPORTS**

**10.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Committee Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

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# **MINUTES**

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



**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 FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 2023 AT 10.00AM - 11.00AM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, Councillor Brian O'Gallagher, CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone, GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff, Austrade Territory Liaison Adviser Daniel Hall, GM Innovation Alice Percy, Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet, CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland, Director, NT Office, Department of Foreign Affairs Donald Mortimore, GM of Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Louis Da Rocha, Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan
- OFFICERS:** Manager of Economic Development and International Relations
- APOLOGY:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, CEO of Port of Darwin Peter Dummett, VP Global and External Relations of CDU, CEO of Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah
- GUESTS:** Nil

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## 1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.00 am

## 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.*

## 3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 Apologies

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, CEO of Port of Darwin Peter Dummett, VP Global and External Relations of CDU, CEO of Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah

### 3.2 Leave of Absence

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

## 4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Nil

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher for report item no. 9.1

### 5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC001/23

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

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

That the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 26 October 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH THE BACOLOD CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, PHILIPPINES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC002/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

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.

**CARRIED 11/0****9.2 FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL FROM THE CITY OF KUPANG, EAST NUSA TENGGARA, INDONESIA****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC003/23**

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

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.

**CARRIED 11/0****9.3 DARWIN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023 UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC004/23**

Moved: CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

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.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 9.4 INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION UPDATE

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC005/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 9.5 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC006/23

Moved: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

Seconded: Austrade Territory Liaison Adviser Daniel Hall

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### 10.1 AUSTRADES' EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC007/23

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

Seconded: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

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

That the Grant's information is to be shared with the International Relations Advisory Committee via email.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 10.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATE

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC008/23

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

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

Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan: Thank you to the Sister City Advisory Committee for participating in the International Women's Day Walk. The Sister City Advisory Committee has submitted the project proposals for 2022 – 2024 for the City of Darwin's consideration.

Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet: Tourism activities are recovering in Darwin. Thank you and great work to the Manager of International Business Relations, City of Darwin for your efforts to deliver a complex event: Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival.

Director, NT Office Department of Foreign Affairs Donald Mortimore: As a new Director representing the Department of Foreign Affairs NT Office, Donald is looking forward to meeting all and working with the International Relations Advisory Committee, City of Darwin, the Northern Territory Government, and other stakeholders.

CEO of Chamber of Commerce NT Greg Ireland: Chamber of Commerce NT is working with Master Builders Northern Territory, and Minerals Council of Australia with funding from the Northern Territory Government to deliver the worker attraction program in the Philippines and India. A total of 23,000 applications were received with 3,000 interviewed for the 700 job vacancies.

CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone: Update on the airport passengers levels down by around 20% for Darwin and 40% for Alice Springs. Planned works on the airstrip at Darwin Airport for 2023 are likely to cause some disruptions until works are completed in November 2023. International flight efforts to establish other connections into Asia were discussed and the continuation of undesirable flight times continued for Darwin.

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris: Update on the Discover Darwin website and seeking feedback from the International Relations Advisory Committee on the Discover Darwin website, and potential co-funding opportunity for the Discover Darwin website.

GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff: Full booking calendar for the next couple of years in the Darwin Convention Centre and the development brief on the Waterfront area.

GM Innovation Alice Percy: International Relations Advisory Committee are invited to provide any feedback and recommendation to the City of Darwin in terms of friendship city proposals, international delegations & trips, and projects.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### MOTION

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC009/23**

Moved: Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

That the City of Darwin to provide a report back to the International Relations Advisory Committee on the feedback on the Discover Darwin website.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**12 NEXT MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:58 am.