



AGENDA

International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 26 June 2024

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

Date: Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

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

**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall

Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

Charles Darwin University, Vice-President Global and External 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 and Trade Drew Boekel

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

Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah

Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett

Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden

OFFICERS

Manager of Economic Development and International Relations, Cherry Cai

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City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy

Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff

Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone

3.2 Leave of Absence**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified****4 Electronic Attendance****4.1 Electronic Attendance****4.2 Electronic Attendance Notified****5 Declaration of Interest****6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

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9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 2022-2024 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development
Attachments: 1. Terms of Reference
2. Committee Review

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 2022-2024 International Relations Advisory Committee Review be received and noted.
2. That the International Relations Advisory Committee conduct the Committee review as in **Attachment 1**.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to action the committee review in accordance with the Terms of Reference as in the **Attachment 2**.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin's Governance team are currently undertaking administrative updates to all terms of reference to align with legislation requirements as well as City of Darwin's style branding guidelines.

The International Relations Advisory Committee are required to review the terms of reference and conduct a review pursuant to the Terms of Reference (TOR).

It is planned that the review of the International Relations Advisory Committee's terms of reference be undertaken at the first scheduled meeting in the 2024/25 FY.

The Committee Review Form (provided at **Attachment 1**) outlines what is required under the TOR for a review against the performance areas from the Committee, including:

- Function of the Committee achieved
- Committee scheduled their frequency of meetings, times and locations the calendar year prior
- Membership provisions of the Committee achieved
- Number of scheduled meetings for the calendar year achieved
- Achievements/highlights
- Room for improvement for the next two years.

The International Relations Advisory Committee are invited to conduct a self-reflection and provide comments on the Committee Review Form provided in **Attachment 1**.

City of Darwin officers welcome your feedback with the aim to collate comments and report to Council.

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Attachment: Terms of Reference
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9.2 INVITATION FOR PLAYSHOP FOR LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE SUMMER CAMP

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Authoriser: Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development
Attachments: 1. Guangzhou Municipal Government Invitation
2. Introduction of PLACE Summer Camp

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Invitation for Playshop for Language and Cultural Exchange Summer Camp be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin has been sent information about the Guangzhou Municipal Government university undergraduate student exchange program. The program invites Darwin's undergraduate students to participate in the Playshop for Language and Cultural Exchange Summer Camp from 25 July – 14 August 2024 in Guangzhou, China under the Friendship City arrangement between City of Darwin and the Guangzhou Municipal Government.

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) (HKUST(GZ)) will be hosting its first Playshop for Language and Cultural Exchange (PLACE) Summer Camp. The program aims to foster people-to-people exchanges and strengthen friendship between Guangzhou and Darwin, helping young people from Darwin gain a deeper understanding of Chinese and Cantonese culture, and experience the richness of culture in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) with the unique charm of interaction between Chinese and western cultures.

The PLACE Summer Camp will be welcoming students both locally and internationally. It spans three weeks from July 25 to August 14, 2024. At the PLACE Summer Camp, students from around the world will take part in a wide range of modular activities related to culture, language, sports, and science, providing them with a wonderful experience in immersive, cross-cultural, and cross-discipline group learning. Please see details of this program in **Attachment 1**.

Under the Friendship City arrangement between City of Darwin and Guangzhou Municipal Government, City of Darwin has been offered five spots for undergraduate students from Darwin to participate in the event, funded by the Guangzhou Municipal Government. The five students will enjoy free camp fees, which are valued at AUD\$ 5,851.

In addition, the Darwin students will be reimbursed for the international travel expenses (up to AUD\$ 4,167) by Guangzhou Municipal Government. Please see the invitation letter from Guangzhou Municipal Government in **Attachment 2**.

The invitation has been shared by City of Darwin with Charles Darwin University to facilitate identifying appropriate students to be nominated through an Expression of Interest process for eligible undergraduate students before 24 June 2024.

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Report: Invitation for Playshop for Language and Cultural Exchange
Summer Camp

Attachment: Guangzhou Municipal Government Invitation

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9.3 COURTESY CALLS

Author: Manager International Business Relations

Authoriser: Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Courtesy Calls be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee outlining the ongoing international relations activities at City of Darwin with the Lord Mayoral courtesy calls from international delegations and diplomas in April, May, and June (up to the report writing date).

BACKGROUND

The Lord Mayoral courtesy calls with international delegations and diplomatic officials are an important element of International Relations and may lay the foundation for a continuing relationship.

Further, the bilateral communication through these forums contribute to promoting and building Darwin as a globally connected city, enhance communication, cooperation, strategic economic, social, and cultural links between Darwin and international cities.

City of Darwin is committed to developing culturally rich relationships with our neighbours as well as gathering friendships throughout the world as countries become increasingly connected by trade, travel, and personal ties.

City of Darwin's International Relations' efforts contribute to:

- Community and culture - people who visit and settle in Darwin support City of Darwin'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.

COURTESY CALLS

Date: 16 April 2024

Courtesy Call: Colonel Marco Bertoli, Italian Air Force



Date: 22 April 2024

Courtesy Call: Mr Bagus Hendraning Kobarsyih, Consul of the Republic of Indonesia



Date: 29 April 2024

Courtesy Call: Her Excellency Ms Arjaree Sriratanaban, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand



Date: 2 May 2024

Courtesy Call: His Excellency Mr Darius Degutis, Ambassador of Lithuania



Date: 2 May 2024

Courtesy Call: Mr Derek Yip, Assistant East Asian Political Branch, East Asia Division, and Ms Patricia Holmes, Assistant Secretary at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia.



Date: 6 June 2024

Courtesy Call: Greek American President of US Hellenic Communities (gift exchange)



Date: 7 June May 2024

Courtesy Call: Duan Jun Counsellor, Department of American and Oceanian Affairs of Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, China



Date: 11 June 2024

Courtesy Call: HE. Tim Mawe, Ambassador of Ireland to Australia



Date: 17 June 2024

Courtesy Call: Dr. Donnell Davis National President United Nations Association of Australia



10 MEMBER REPORTS**10.1 UPDATE ON THE MEETING WITH HO CHI MINH AT WCS****Author:** Manager International Business Relations**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Update on the meeting with Ho Chi Minh at WCS be received and noted.

THIS REPORT IS PRESENTED BY THE HON KON VATSKALIS, LORD MAYOR OF CITY OF DARWIN

BACKGROUND

The Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer were invited by the Minister for National Development, Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration Singapore to attend the World Cities Summit in 2024 held from 2 to 4 June 2024.

Lord Mayor and the CEO met the delegation led by Mr Pham Thanh Kien, Deputy Chairman of the People's Council of Ho Chi Minh City and discussed the Friendship City proposal on 4 June 2024.



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 Next Meeting

Last Committee meeting for 2022-2024 term

13 Closure of Meeting



MINUTES

International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 15 May 2024

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Time: 11:00 AM

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

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful, the Chairperson Kon Vatskalis
Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland
City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy
Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade, A/Exec Director Strategic Engagement
Mez Korbetis
Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan
Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden
Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

OFFICERS:

Cherry Cai (Manager of Economic Development and International Relations)

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

THAT the Chair declared the meeting open at 11:06 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**

- Councillor Brian O'Gallagher
- Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff
- Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett
- Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade, General Manager Luis Da Rocha
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Drew Boekel
- Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall
- Charles Darwin University, Vice-President Global and External Shannon Holborn
- Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone
- Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer 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**

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC008/24**

Moved: Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhori

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 27 March 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNING BETWEEN DARWIN-BASED GTNT/INSTITUTE OF SKILLS & TRAINING AND UNDIKNAS UNIVERSITY, DENPASAR****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC009/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the report entitled Update on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing between Darwin-based GTNT/Institute of Skills & Training and Undiknas University, Denpasar be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

9.2 WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2024**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC010/24**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

1. THAT the report entitled World Cities Summit 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee provides feedback on any items or activities to be attended by Lord Mayor during his trip to Singapore.

CARRIED 7/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

10.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC011/24

Moved: Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden

Seconded: Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Mez Korbetis

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

CARRIED 7/0

Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade Mez Korbetis

- Can reach out to Michael Png since he is the official representative for Singapore especially for the upcoming summit
- Vietnamese friendship mission from 23 – 27 September 2024
- Supporting event in Timor Leste
- Signed MOU with Japan Bank International Corporation and Mineral Resources and Gas Investment
- World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan
- Visit from the Vietnamese Consul General next week
- Started regulatory trade mapping project.

Chamber of Commerce NT Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland

- Ambassador season with visits from embassies from Vietnam, Thailand, India
- Business conference from 11-13 June in Timor Leste
- Various tourism opportunities.

Tourism Top End Board Member Alana Madden

- 'Welcome to the Dry' went well with 74 exhibitors at Mindil Beach Casino Resort
- Italian cruise ship, ITS Vespucci, is visiting Darwin from 4-7 October 2024 and is exploring a 'Villaggio Italia' near Fort Hill Wharf
- The latest cruise ship listing can be found in [Public view \(darwinport.com.au\)](https://www.darwinport.com.au/public-view)
- Mr Bruce Mills, Director of Place Leaders Asia Pacific, will reach out to the Lord Mayor regarding opening the Place Leaders Asia Pacific Symposium and Awards later in the year.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 26 June 2024 at 11:00 am

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:26 am