



# **AGENDA**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 20 April 2022**

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

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 April 2022

**Time:** 10:30am - 12:00pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams meeting

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**Simone Saunders  
Chief Executive Officer**

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone

CEO of Darwin Port Darren Lambourn

GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

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Migration NT Pompea Sweet

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Executive Manager of City of Darwin Dr Alice Percy

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Sister City Committee Chair Vida Ruth Goodvach

Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

## **OFFICERS**

Ms Cherry Cai

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### 9.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DENPASAR AND THE CITY OF DARWIN ON SISTER CITY COOPERATION

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Development Services  
**Attachments:** 1. Signed Letter of Intent for Sister City Cooperation  
2. Draft MoU Denpasar-Darwin  
3. MoU Appendix - Action Plan

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. THAT the report entitled the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Denpasar and the City of Darwin on Sister City Cooperation be received and noted.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the negotiation and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Darwin and the City of Denpasar on Sister City Cooperation.

#### KEY ISSUES

- City of Darwin signed a Letter of Intent on the establishment of Sister City Cooperation with the City of Denpasar on 28 June 2021.
- Both cities agree in the Letter of Intent that the implementation of cooperation on agreed areas shall be carried out by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by both cities before 28 June 2022.
- City of Darwin worked closely with the City of Denpasar team to develop the MOU and Action Plan after the signing of the Letter of Intent. The Draft MOU and Action Plan has been approved by City of Denpasar and their central governments.
- The Action Plan was developed based on consultation with relevant stakeholders, internal departments, and government agencies of both cities.
- City of Darwin has notified the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs of this proposed signing of MOU with the City of Denpasar as per Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020 on 6 April 2022.
- City of Darwin is currently discussing a date to sign the MOU with the City of Denpasar.

**DISCUSSION****Letter of Intent on establishment of Sister City Cooperation**

On 28 June 2021, the Lord Mayor of Darwin, the Hon Kon Vatskalis, and the Mayor of Denpasar, I Gusti Ngurah Jaya Negara signed a Letter of Intent on establishment of Sister City Cooperation

Both the City of Darwin and City of Denpasar agreed to the scope of cooperation to be as follows:

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

**Memorandum of Understanding and Action Plan Development**

Both cities agree in the Letter of Intent to form a working group and formalise the MOU and Action Plan under the above cooperation areas before 28 June 2022. Please see the detail in **Attachments 2 and 3**.

Since the signing of the Letter of Intent, there have been several discussions between the City of Darwin and the City of Denpasar to discuss an Action Plan for projects and activities over five years. City of Darwin met with several key organisations and government agencies to discuss working with Denpasar and what projects and activities would be the most practical and opportunistic and which align with the intent of the Sister City and International Relations Program framework.

Sister City Advisory Committee members were invited to provide feedback on the draft MOU and Action Plan on 21 October 2021. International Relations Advisory Committee members were consulted and provided feedback on the draft MOU and Action Plan on 27 October 2021.

City of Darwin has also consulted internally with Procurement and Communities.

The external organisations and government agencies that have been consulted are as follows:

- Indonesian Consulate
- Tourism NT
- Study NT
- Nusantara Foundation
- Department of Education NT
- Trade NT
- Sports NT

The attached MoU and Action Plan is the final version approved by the City of Denpasar and its central governments and is ready to be signed by City of Darwin.

**Opportunities from IA-CEPA**

The Sister City Cooperation between Denpasar and Darwin will benefit from the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA), which creates a framework for Australia and Indonesia to unlock the vast potential of the bilateral economic partnership fostering economic cooperation between businesses, communities, and individuals. The formalised relationship between the two cities will harness the opportunities from IA-CEPA

and generate mutual benefits for Darwin and Denpasar communities.	
<p><b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>At the 11 May 2021 meeting Council resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT the report entitled Letter of Intent of Sister City Relationship between Darwin and Denpasar be received and noted.</li> <li>2. THAT Council endorses the signing of Letter of Intent of Sister City Relationship with City of Denpasar, subject to the approval of the Indonesia Central Government.</li> </ol> <p>Council resolved on 14 July 2020</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT the report 'Review of Sister Cities Committees and International Relations Policy 053' be received and noted.</li> <li>2. THAT Council adopted the revised Sister Cities Committees and International Relations Policy with immediate effect.</li> </ol>	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	<p>4 A Smart and Prosperous City</p> <p>4.2 By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities</p>
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b></p> <p>Funding for the activities will be sought through grants and partnerships as well as utilising the \$6,000 per annum through the Sister City budget</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p>Local Government Act 2019</p> <p>Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020</p> <p><b>Policy:</b></p> <p>Policy 053 International Relations and Sister Cities</p> <p>Policy 013 Tourism Promotion</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Discuss</p> <p><b>External:</b></p> <p>Denpasar and Darwin Sister City working group members</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

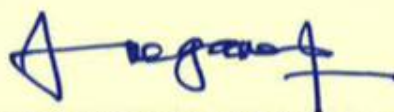
Signed in duplicate in Darwin, on 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, and in Denpasar on 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 in Indonesian and English languages. In case of any divergences of interpretation of this Letter of Intent, the English text shall prevail.

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

**Mengakui** pentingnya prinsip persamaan dan saling menguntungkan;

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

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

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

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

Dibuat secara duplikat di Darwin pada tanggal 28 Juni 2021 dan di Denpasar pada tanggal 28 Juni 2021, masing-masing dalam Bahasa Indonesia dan Inggris. Dalam hal terjadi perbedaan penafsiran atas naskah Pernyataan Kehendak ini, maka naskah Bahasa Inggris yang berlaku.

**UNTUK KOTA DARWIN,  
NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA**



**THE HON. KON VATSKALIS  
WALIKOTA DARWIN**

**UNTUK PEMERINTAH KOTA  
DENPASAR, REPUBLIK INDONESIA**



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

**MEMORANDUM SALING PENGERTIAN  
ANTARA  
PEMERINTAH KOTA DENPASAR,  
REPUBLIK INDONESIA  
DAN  
PEMERINTAH KOTA DARWIN,  
PERSEMAKMURAN AUSTRALIA  
TENTANG  
KERJA SAMA KOTA BERSAUDARA**

Pemerintah Kota Denpasar, Republik Indonesia dan Kota Darwin, Persemakmuran Australia, untuk selanjutnya secara masing-masing disebut sebagai "Pihak" dan secara bersama-sama disebut sebagai "Para Pihak";

**MENGAKUI** adanya kemitraan dan kerja sama yang erat antara Republik Indonesia dan Persemakmuran Australia;

**MENCATAT** Surat Pernyataan Kehendak antara Pemerintah Kota Denpasar, Republik Indonesia dengan Pemerintah Kota Darwin, Persemakmuran Australia tentang pembentukan Kerja Sama Kota Bersaudara yang ditandatangani oleh Para Pihak pada tanggal 28 Juni 2021 di Darwin dan Denpasar secara daring;

**BERKEINGINAN** untuk meningkatkan saling pemahaman, hubungan persahabatan dan kerja sama antara Para Pihak melalui pembentukan hubungan antar pemerintah dan antar masyarakat;

**MEMPERTIMBANGKAN** pentingnya prinsip kesetaraan dan saling menguntungkan;

**SESUAI** dengan hukum dan peraturan perundang-undangan yang berlaku di masing-masing negara Para Pihak;

**TELAH MENCAPAI** pemahaman sebagai berikut:

**Pasal 1  
Tujuan**

Tujuan dari Memorandum Saling Pengertian (MSP) ini adalah untuk membentuk Kerja Sama Kota Bersaudara antara Para Pihak dalam rangka meningkatkan, mengembangkan, dan memperluas kerja sama yang efektif dan saling menguntungkan dalam pengembangan kedua kota dalam batasan kewenangan, pendanaan dan kemampuan teknis mereka berdasarkan prinsip kesetaraan, saling menghormati dan saling menguntungkan.

## **Pasal 2**

### **Bidang Kerja Sama**

Para Pihak sepakat untuk bekerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini di bidang-bidang sebagai berikut:

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

## **Pasal 3**

### **Pelaksanaan**

1. Untuk melaksanakan MSP ini Para Pihak wajib menyusun program dan kegiatan yang dituangkan dalam Rencana Kegiatan yang mencakup bidang kerja sama sebagaimana dimaksud dalam pasal 2 (dua) paling lambat 6 (enam) bulan sejak tanggal berlakunya MSP ini;
2. Rencana Kegiatan wajib sesuai dengan MSP ini, dan wajib merinci jadwal program atau proyek, personel yang terlibat, pengaturan keuangan, kontribusi Para Pihak serta hal-hal terkait lainnya dan wajib menjadi bagian yang tidak terpisah dari MSP ini;
3. Apabila diperlukan, Para Pihak dapat mengundang pihak ketiga untuk mengambil bagian dalam pelaksanaan kegiatan kerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini berdasarkan kesepakatan bersama secara tertulis oleh Para Pihak;

## **Pasal 4**

### **Pendanaan**

Biaya yang muncul dari pelaksanaan kegiatan kerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini wajib dibebankan kepada masing-masing Pihak dan berdasarkan ketersediaan dana dan personel.

## **Pasal 5**

### **Kelompok Kerja Bersama**

1. Para Pihak sepakat untuk membentuk sebuah Kelompok Kerja Bersama untuk merencanakan, menyiapkan, dan merekomendasikan program atau kegiatan, serta mengawasi dan mengevaluasi perkembangan kerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini.
2. Anggota Kelompok Kerja Bersama akan terdiri dari perwakilan Para Pihak dan instansi pemerintah terkait. Apabila dianggap perlu, Kelompok Kerja Bersama dapat mengundang sektor swasta berdasarkan kesepakatan bersama secara tertulis oleh Para Pihak.
3. Kelompok Kerja Bersama wajib bertemu setiap tahun secara bergantian di Denpasar atau Darwin atau secara virtual. Apabila pertemuan Kelompok Kerja Bersama tidak dapat dilaksanakan karena kondisi tertentu, dokumen-dokumen wajib dipertukarkan sebagai pengganti pertemuan tersebut.



## **Pasal 6**

### **Kerahasiaan**

Jika salah satu Pihak berkeinginan untuk mengungkapkan data dan/atau informasi rahasia yang dipertukarkan untuk atau dihasilkan dari pelaksanaan kegiatan kerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini, maka Pihak yang akan mengungkapkan wajib mendapatkan persetujuan tertulis sebelumnya dari Pihak lainnya, sebelum pengungkapan dapat dilakukan.

## **Pasal 7**

### **Penangguhan**

Masing-masing Pihak dapat, dikarenakan alasan keamanan nasional, kepentingan nasional, ketertiban umum dan/atau kesehatan masyarakat, untuk menangguhkan sementara, baik keseluruhan atau sebagian, pelaksanaan MSP ini. Penangguhan tersebut wajib mulai berlaku efektif segera setelah pemberitahuan tertulis disampaikan ke Pihak lainnya melalui jalur formal.

## **Pasal 8**

### **Kekayaan Intelektual**

1. Setiap Pihak wajib menghormati dalam wilayah negaranya kekayaan intelektual Pihak lainnya yang digunakan dalam pelaksanaan kegiatan kerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini, sesuai dengan hukum dan peraturan perundang-undangan yang berlaku di masing-masing negara Para Pihak.
2. Para Pihak wajib menyepakati pengaturan terpisah untuk mengatur kepemilikan dan penggunaan setiap kekayaan intelektual yang dihasilkan dari pelaksanaan kegiatan kerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini.

## **Pasal 9**

### **Pembatasan Kegiatan Personel**

Para Pihak wajib memastikan bahwa setiap personelnnya yang terlibat dalam pelaksanaan kegiatan kerja sama berdasarkan MSP ini wajib menghormati dan mematuhi hukum dan peraturan perundang-undangan negara tuan rumah, wajib tidak mencampuri urusan dalam negeri negara tuan rumah, dan wajib tidak melakukan kegiatan-kegiatan apapun yang bertentangan dengan tujuan MSP ini.

## **Pasal 10**

### **Penyelesaian Perbedaan**

1. Setiap perselisihan yang muncul dari penafsiran atau pelaksanaan MSP ini wajib diselesaikan secara damai melalui konsultasi dan/atau negosiasi antara Para Pihak tanpa rujukan apapun ke pihak ketiga.
2. MSP ini bukan dan tidak dimaksudkan untuk menciptakan hak dan kewajiban berdasarkan hukum internasional, dan bahwa masing-masing Pihak akan berusaha sebaik mungkin untuk melaksanakan MSP ini dengan itikad baik.

**Pasal 11  
Amandemen**

Setiap bagian dari MSP ini dapat diubah melalui kesepakatan bersama secara tertulis oleh Para Pihak. Perubahan tersebut wajib mulai berlaku pada tanggal yang ditentukan oleh Para Pihak dan wajib menjadi bagian yang tidak terpisahkan dari MSP ini.

**Pasal 12  
Mulai berlaku, Jangka Waktu, dan Pengakhiran**

1. MSP ini wajib mulai berlaku pada tanggal penandatanganan terakhir.
2. MSP ini wajib tetap berlaku untuk jangka waktu 5 (lima) tahun dan dapat diperpanjang untuk jangka waktu 5 (lima) tahun berikutnya dengan persetujuan bersama secara tertulis oleh Para Pihak melalui saluran formal.
3. Salah satu Pihak dapat mengakhiri MSP ini setiap saat dengan memberikan pemberitahuan tertulis 6 (enam) bulan sebelumnya kepada Pihak lainnya melalui saluran formal.
4. Pengakhiran atau berakhirnya MSP ini wajib tidak mempengaruhi penyelesaian program dan kegiatan yang sedang berlangsung yang dilakukan berdasarkan MSP ini, kecuali disepakati lain oleh Para Pihak.

**SEBAGAI BUKTI**, yang bertanda tangan di bawah ini, yang diberi kuasa penuh oleh Pemerintahnya masing-masing, telah menandatangani MSP ini.

**DITANDATANGANI** dalam rangkap dua di.....pada tanggal..... 2022 dan di ..... Pada tanggal ..... 2022 masing-masing dalam Bahasa Indonesia dan Bahasa Inggris, semua naskah memiliki keabsahan yang sama. Dalam hal terjadi perbedaan penafsiran dari MSP ini, naskah Bahasa Inggris wajib berlaku.

**UNTUK PEMERINTAH KOTA  
DENPASAR, REPUBLIK INDONESIA**

**UNTUK PEMERINTAH KOTA DARWIN,  
PERSEMAKMRAN AUSTRALIA**

**I GUSTI NGURAH JAYA NEGARA,S.E.  
WALIKOTA DENPASAR**

**THE HON.KON VATSKALIS  
WALIKOTA DARWIN**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF DENPASAR  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF DARWIN,  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
ON  
SISTER CITY COOPERATION**

The Government of the City of Denpasar of the Republic of Indonesia and the City of Darwin of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereinafter referred to individually as the "Party" and collectively as "the Parties";

**RECOGNIZING** the existence of close partnership and cooperation between the Republic of Indonesia and the Commonwealth of Australia;

**NOTING** the Letter of Intent between the Government of the City of Denpasar of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of the City of Darwin of the Commonwealth of Australia concerning the establishment of Sister City Cooperation, signed by The Parties on June, 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 in Darwin and Denpasar virtually;

**DESIRING** to enhance mutual understanding, improve friendly relations and cooperation between the Parties through the establishment of intergovernmental and inter-social relationship;

**CONSIDERING** the importance of equality and mutually beneficial principles;

**PURSUANT** to the prevailing laws and regulations in respective countries of the Parties;

**HAVE REACHED** the following understanding:

**Article 1  
Objective**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish Sister City Cooperation between the Parties in order to promote, develop, and expand an effective and mutually beneficial cooperation in the development of the two cities, within the limits of their authorities, financial and technical capabilities based on the principles of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefits.



## **Article 2**

### **Scope of Cooperation**

The Parties agree to cooperate under the framework of this MoU in the following areas:

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

## **Article 3**

### **Implementation**

1. To implement this MoU, the Parties shall commence an activity that will be elaborated in the Action Plan covering the scope of cooperation as referred to in Article 2 in no later than 6 (six) months after the date of the entry into force of this MoU of this MoU.
2. The Action Plan shall be in conformity with this MoU, and shall specify the programs or project schedule, personnel involved, financial arrangement, contributions of the Parties, and another necessary details, and shall become an integral part of this MoU.
3. If deemed necessary, the Parties may invite a third party to take part in the implementation of cooperation activities under this MoU subject to mutual written consent of the Parties.

## **Article 4**

### **Funding**

Expenses arising out of the implementation of cooperation activities under this MoU shall be borne by each Party and subject to the availability of funds and personnel.

## **Article 5**

### **Joint Working Group**

1. The Parties agree to establish a Joint Working Group to plan, prepare, and recommend programmes or activities, as well as to monitor and evaluate the progress of cooperation under this MoU.
2. The members of the Joint Working Group will consist of representatives of the Parties and related government institutions. If deemed necessary, the Joint Working Group may invite private sector subject to mutual written consent of the Parties.
3. The Joint Working Group shall meet annually, alternately in Denpasar or in Darwin or virtually. If the annual meeting could not be held due to certain circumstances, documents shall be exchanged in lieu of such meeting.

## **Article 6**

### **Confidentiality**

If either Party wishes to disclose confidential data and/or information exchanged for or resulted from the implementation of cooperation activities under this MoU, the disclosing

Party shall obtain a prior written consent from the other Party, before any disclosure can be made.

#### **Article 7 Suspension**

Each Party reserves the right, for reasons of national security, national interest, public order and/or public health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this MoU. Such suspension shall be effective immediately after written notification has been given to the other Party through formal channels.

#### **Article 8 Intellectual Property**

1. Each Party shall respect within the territory of its country the intellectual property of the other Party brought in for the implementation of cooperation activities under this MoU, in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations in the respective countries of the Parties.
2. The Parties shall conclude a separate arrangement to regulate the ownership and use of any intellectual property resulting from the implementation of cooperation activities under this MoU.

#### **Article 9 Limitation of Personnel Activities**

The Parties shall ensure that any of its personnel involved in the implementation of cooperation activities under this MoU shall respect and comply with the laws and regulations of the host country, shall not interfere with the domestic affairs of the host country, and shall avoid performing any activities inconsistent with the objective of this MoU.

#### **Article 10 Settlement of Differences**

1. Any differences arising out of the interpretation or the implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation and/or negotiation between the Parties without any reference to a third party.
2. This MoU does not and is not intended to create legally binding rights and obligations under the international law, and that each Party will endeavor to the best of their ability to implement this MoU in good faith.

**Article 11**  
**Amendment**

Any part of this MoU may be amended through mutual written consent of the Parties. Such amendment shall come into force on the date as determined by the Parties and shall form an integral part of this MoU.

**Article 12**  
**Entry Into Force, Duration, and Termination**

1. This MoU shall come into force on the date of the last signing.
2. This MoU shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years and may be extended for another period of 5 (five) years by mutual written consent of the Parties through formal channel.
3. Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time by giving 6 (six) months prior notice in writing to the other Party through formal channel.
4. The termination or expiration of this MoU shall not affect the completion of any on-going program and activities conducted under this MoU, unless decided otherwise by the Parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this MoU.

**SIGNED** in duplicate in.....on..... 2022 and in ..... on ..... 2022 respectively in Indonesian and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any difference in the interpretation of this MoU, the English text shall prevail.

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

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
CITY OF DARWIN,  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**I GUSTI NGURAH JAYA NEGARA  
MAYOR OF DENPASAR**

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

<h1>Action Plan</h1> <h2>MoU Denpasar - Darwin</h2>				
Scope of Cooperation	Activity	Outcome	Source of funding	Timeframe
Culture, tourism and creative economy	Investigate development of a program of events and exchanges across culture, the creative economy, sport and tourism. For example, a joint music and traditional Balinese and Larrakia cultural event and performance, a sailing boat festival, a kite festival, a yacht festival and/or football competition.	Increase brand awareness for both cities	Denpasar City Tourism Office and other parties are not binding  City of Darwin through internal finance, grants and partnerships	5 years
Culture, tourism and creative economy	Promote Darwin and Denpasar through various marketing means such as advertisements, development of tourism products/tour packages, online marketing campaigns and virtual tours.	Increase the visitor economy (number, length of stay, values) for both cities	City of Denpasar through relevant departments and other parties are not binding  City of Darwin through internal finance, grants and partnerships	5 years
Tourism	Investigate the opportunity for a Sister Airport relationship.	Increase flight connections between the two cities	City of Denpasar through relevant departments and other parties are not binding  City of Darwin through internal finance, grants and partnerships	5 years

Tourism and creative economy	Facilitate business connections.	Increase in the number of business connection and trade of products and services for both cities	City of Denpasar through relevant departments and other parties are not binding  City of Darwin through internal finance, grants and partnerships	5 years
Development of human resource capacity building	Investigate development of a student and teacher exchange program, including for example a pen pal exchange, student exchange, literacy festivals, dance classes and English and Indonesian teacher training.	Increase the number of student exchanges and interactions	Denpasar City Tourism Office and other parties are not binding  City of Darwin through internal finance, grants and partnerships	5 years
Development of human resource capacity building	Connect Balinese workers to online training in Australia and facilitate working, education and training exchanges between both cities.	Increase international student numbers. Increase migration. Increase capability.	City of Denpasar through relevant departments and other parties are not binding  City of Darwin through internal finance, grants and partnerships	5 years

Development of human resource capacity building	Facilitate business, research and educational institution introductions for discussions around, for example, renewable energy production, heat mitigation, water management and conservation	Increase connections	City of Denpasar through relevant departments and other parties are not binding  City of Darwin through internal finance, grants and partnerships	5 years
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**9.2 DARWIN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW 2022 UPDATE**

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Development Services  
**Attachments:** 1. E-Poster  
2. Communication Plan

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 update be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee members promote and participate in the Trade Show 2022.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 was launched on 21 March 2022.
- Eleven Sister and Friendship City' governments and associated businesses and organisations were invited to participate on 30 March 2022. An online business information session was held by City of Darwin on 24 March 2022.
- The registration landing page of the event platform was developed to collect participants information at [Darwin International Virtual Trade Show](#). City of Darwin is expecting the platform to be ready on the event dates of 22 and 23 June 2022.
- Twenty public attendees have registered on the site, and 24 businesses/organisations have started setting up the 3D booth. The exhibitor's registration will close on 29 April 2022.
- As part of the public invitation, City of Darwin invited 15 Darwin performance groups and 91 multicultural organisations to participate in the Trade Show.

## DISCUSSION

### Event Overview

Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 is a two-day online program hosted by City of Darwin, Australia on 22 and 23 June 2022. It aims to encourage businesses and organisations from Darwin and its Sister and Friendship Cities to create relationships and opportunities worldwide.

The two day live session will include online presentations and workshops with some of the topics covering, for example, Mayoral presentations, tourism, education, migration, business, and investment. The business and organisations (exhibitors) from the Darwin municipality and our Sister and Friendship Cities are invited to setup their virtual booth on the event dates. This allows businesses to connect and explore opportunities with sister and friendship cities.

The Trade Show will be free for public participants from Ambon, Anchorage, Dili, Haikou, Kalymnos, Milikapiti, Denpasar, Guangzhou, Honolulu, Qingdao, and Santa Cruz.

City of Darwin hosted an online Information Session for potential exhibitors on 24 March 2022 with 95 businesses/organisations/governments participating.

Please see the detail in [PowerPoint Presentation \(b8cdn.com\)](https://b8cdn.com) and the attached Poster.

### Platform development update

City of Darwin has engaged with Vfairs LLC to develop an event platform for the Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022. The registration landing page has been developed for exhibitors and public registration as in [Darwin International Virtual Trade Show](#) and launched to Darwin and our 11 Sister and Friendship Cities on 21 March 2022.

City of Darwin expects the content and all booth set up on the platform by 16 May, and the platform and Agenda will then open for the public closer to the event dates. The content will include pre-recorded keynote speeches, cultural performance videos, workshops, and 3D virtual booth and will be live on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

The public and exhibitors will have ongoing access for 30 days post the event to watch the recorded sessions and connect with other organisations if they are online.

### Government and business invitation update

On 30 March 2022, Lord Mayor has invited our 11 Sister and Friendship City Mayors and governments to provide pre-recorded speeches and presentations, including Mayoral speeches and pre-recorded presentations covering the topics of tourism, education, business, and investment. The Chief Minister, Northern Territory Government and Austrade/Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have been invited to participate in this event by providing pre-recorded speeches and presentations.

City of Darwin has approached some key industry stakeholders for potential keynote speech sessions on the event dates, for example, Music NT, NT Farmers, NT Live Cattles Association, Hospitality NT, and CSIRO.

The Agenda will be confirmed based on the above invitations.

### Registration Stat update

There are currently, as of 6 April 2022, twenty general public attendee registrations. Seventeen booths are in progress, and seven businesses have completed their booth setup. The invitations are still underway.



### **Multicultural performance groups**

City of Darwin has sent a direct email to all Darwin performance groups inviting them to provide a multicultural performance at the Trade Show. The Chair of the Sister City Advisory Committee, Vida Goodvach, and a Sister City Advisory Committee member, Terry Hartin, followed up the invitation via phone. Councillor Klonaris and another Sister City Advisory Committee member, Tony Miaoudis, followed up with the Greek community for performance videos and Ping Lu followed up the Chinese community performance videos.

Charles Darwin University and the Australia China Friendship Society have provided 10 performances. More videos are promised to be provided by the other multicultural groups shortly.

### **Multicultural businesses/organisations**

The Sister City Advisory Committee recommends inviting multicultural groups to participate in the Trade Show as exhibitors on 13 January 2022. City of Darwin has sent a direct invitation to the 91 multicultural groups in Darwin on 5 April 2022. City of Darwin invited the Sister City Advisory Committee members to call each group and follow up on the invitation.

Committee member Alan Jape has provided the assistance to promote and invite the Dili businesses and organisations to participate in the Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 13 January 2022 meeting Sister City Committee recommends:

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT Committee members nominate members to provide in-kind support on 22 and 23 June 2022.
  - Terry Hartin– photography video skills
  - Vida Goodvach– facilitation
  - Emily Tyaemaen Ford - facilitation
  - Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris - facilitation
  - Alderman Sylvia Klonaris - facilitation
  - Ping Lu– mandarin translator
  - Alan Jape – mandarin translator
3. THAT the Committee recommends City of Darwin to promote the Trade Show to the Darwin business and multicultural communities through flyers, social media, library, etc.
4. THAT the Committee recommends City of Darwin to provide the Communication Plan with key dates as early as possible.
5. THAT the Committee recommends City of Darwin to liaison with the multicultural groups for any cultural performance videos to be displayed at the Trade Show.
6. THAT the Committee recommends City of Darwin to invite the multicultural groups to participate in the Trade Show.
7. THAT the Committee recommends City of Darwin to produce a welcome video at the Trade Show.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

4 A Smart and Prosperous City

<b>ALIGNMENT</b>	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> \$20,000 <b>Is Funding identified:</b> Yes
<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>	Please see attached Communications Plan
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



# DARWIN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW 2022

**Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022** is a two-day online program hosted by City of Darwin.

## EVENT DATE (DARWIN TIMEZONE)

8.00 am – 6.00 pm

**Wednesday 22 June 2022**

8.00 am – 6.00 pm

**Thursday 23 June 2022**

It aims to encourage businesses and organisations from Darwin and its 11 Sister and Friendship Cities to create relationships and opportunities worldwide. The two-day live session will include online presentations and workshops with topics covering, for example, Mayoral presentations, tourism, education, migration, business, and investment. The Trade Show will be free for public participants from Ambon, Anchorage, Dili, Haikou, Kalymnos, Milikapiti, Denpasar, Guangzhou, Honolulu, Qingdao, and Santa Cruz.

## FOR BUSINESS/ORGANISATION EXHIBITORS

The business and organisation exhibitors from Darwin and its Sister and Friendship Cities are invited to set up a virtual booth to promote their business, products, and services. The exhibitors will have the opportunity to connect and explore relationships with other businesses and organisations on the events dates and for 30 days post-event.

Limited spots are available, please register your interest now at: <https://tradeshow.darwin.nt.gov.au/>  
The application is closed on COB Friday 29 April 2022.

## FOR DARWIN CULTURAL PERFORMANCE GROUPS

We strongly encourage performance groups from Darwin to submit a video of their performances, ie dancing and music, for inclusion in the Trade Show to showcase our multiculturalism. Please send your video through <https://tradeshow.darwin.nt.gov.au/backend/index.php/job/upload>

## FOR PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Please register through <https://tradeshow.darwin.nt.gov.au/> and join us on the event dates.



## Darwin International Virtual Trade Show Comms Plan

June 2022

### Background

Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 is a two-day online program hosted by City of Darwin, Australia on 22 and 23 June 2022. It aims to encourage businesses and organisations from Darwin and its Sister and Friendship Cities to create relationships and opportunities worldwide.

This event allows businesses to learn, connect and explore opportunities with sister and friendship cities. The two – day live session will include online presentations and workshops. Topics will include, for example, tourism, education, migration, business, and investment. The businesses and organisations from the Darwin municipality and our twelve Sister and Friendship Cities are setting up their virtual booth on the event dates.

The Trade Show will be free for public participants, including Ambon, Anchorage, Dili, Haikou, Kalymnos, Milikapiti, Denpasar, Guangzhou, Honolulu, Qingdao, and Santa Cruz. We encourage each business to take a proactive approach to connect with other businesses by leveraging the activities provided through this event platform.

The stage 1 of this event is to build a business directory. There are currently 95 businesses from 8 cities participating in Stage 1 of the Darwin International Virtual Trade Show. To find out who is participating in Stage 1, go to <https://discover.darwin.nt.gov.au/international-expo/>.

### Marketing and Communications objectives

- Encourage Darwin businesses and organisation and local multicultural business groups to attend the event
- Invite the multicultural performance group for example, dancing, music, etc, to display their performance in the event submitting their videos.

### Target Audience

- Local businesses of the Darwin municipality
- Multicultural business groups
- Multicultural performance groups

### Key Messages

- Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 is a two-day online program hosted by City of Darwin, Australia on 22 and 23 June 2022.
- The two-day live session will include online presentations and workshops. Darwin and its Sister and Friendship City governments are invited to promote their cities. The topics of their presentation will include, for example, Mayoral presentation tourism, education, migration, business, and investment.
- The businesses and organisations from the Darwin municipality and our twelve Sister and Friendship Cities are setting up their virtual booth on the event dates.
- The Trade Show will be free for participants, including Ambon, Anchorage, Dili, Haikou, Kalymnos, Milikapiti, Denpasar, Guangzhou, Honolulu, Qingdao, and Santa Cruz.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For more information on the event, please visit: <a href="#">Darwin International Virtual Trade Show</a></li> </ul>			
<b>Marketing and Communications tools/methods</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media Event/Release</li> <li>Social Media</li> <li>Video</li> <li>CEO newsletter</li> <li>Direct emails</li> <li>Flyers &amp; E-poster distribution</li> </ul>			
<b>Marketing and Communication Plan actions</b>			
Details	Date	Comments	Status
Website	20 Feb March April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a Translation Ambassador Application form and an event page</li> </ul>	Completed
Media Event/Release	June 2022	Inviting the public and local businesses to tune in.	Not started
Lord Mayor Welcome Video	28 Feb 2022	Add the video to the landing page of event platform - <a href="http://tradeshow.darwin.nt.gov.au">tradeshow.darwin.nt.gov.au</a>	Completed
Lord Mayor Presentation – pre recorded video	20 May 2022	To be play on the live sessions on 22 June 2022	Not Started
An introduction video	April/May 2022	TBC - Filming Alice and sister city committee chair	Not Started
Facebook event	April 2022	Add event and upload live video etc.	Not Started
Social Media	Various date	Boost.  10 x Post promoting + event dates 2 x Post requesting volunteer translators	In progress
Photos	Mel	BB to arrange.	Not Started
CEO newsletter	TBA	BB to add.	Not Started
Video – Livestream	22 and 23 June		Not Started

Flyers inviting the local community – print in house	30 March 2022	To go out libraries & other multi-cultural groups	Completed
E-poster to share by the Committee members	April 2022		Completed
Sister City Committee members to invite multicultural businesses and performance groups	April 2022		In progress
Advise customer service	10 June 2022		Completed
Invitation to Councillors	April 2022		Not started
Direct email to multicultural groups and businesses	April 2022		Completed

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### 10.1 UPDATE ON DARWIN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023

**Author:** Manager International Business Relations  
**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Growth & Development Services  
**Attachments:** 1. Action List  
2. Membership List

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received and noted.

That the International Relations Advisory Committee members will support the Darwin Dragon Boat Festival.

THIS REPORT IS PRESENTED BY PETER SAVOFF.

#### Event Background

City of Darwin received \$89,000 from the National Foundation for Australia – China Relations to deliver the 2022 Darwin Dragon Boat Festival. City of Darwin will provide a cash contribution of \$10,000 to match the funding as per the Funding Agreement.

The Festival will be a two-day program consisting of the Darwin Excellence Showcase Day and the Dragon Boat Racing Day.

On Dragon Boat Racing Day (friendship type of boat race), the Chinese dragon boat teams and official delegations from Darwin's Sister and Friendship Cities in greater China (Haikou, Qingdao, Guangzhou) will be invited to participate in the Festival together with local dragon boat teams, communities, and businesses in Darwin. The Darwin Excellence Showcase Day will promote Darwin and Australia to the visiting Chinese delegation. It will comprise cultural exchange programs including food, performances, games, and an itinerary/program for the Chinese delegation will include a welcome reception, site visits, tours, and cultural activities to deepen their understanding of Darwin and the Australian culture.

#### Update

City of Darwin hosted the first Working Group meeting on 24 Feb 2022. The Group has discussed the event venue, time & date, cultural performance options, and the key actions for the next steps. Please refer to **Attachment 1** Action List and **Attachment 2** Member List for details.

The Working Group is currently investigating the event venue at the Darwin Waterfront. The Working Group members have several meetings/communication with the Darwin Waterfront Corporation people and Lord Mayor separately about the Festival and recommended venue.

More updates will be provided against the Action List at the next International Relations Advisory Committee meeting. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for 5 pm Thursday 5 May 2022.

**Required support from International Relations Advisory Committee members**

The Darwin Dragon Boat Festival Working Group is seeking financial support that can be provided by the International Relations Advisory Committee members and the Northern Territory Government with an opportunity to become a sponsor to this event.



## Attachment 2

**Action List**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
1	Find out the Darwin Waterfront Development timeframe and information and report back to the Working Group	Peter, Savoff	Friday 11 March 2022
2	Organise a meeting with Lord Mayor	Cr Jimmy Bouhoris Cherry, Cai	Friday 11 March 2022
3	Obtain approval from the National Foundation Re the Sponsorship Guideline Document	Cherry, Cai	30 March 2022
4	Investigate the feasibility of the venue date and report back to the Working Group for confirmation, including Arafura Game date in 2023, Darwin Convention Centre event dates, NTG, Accommodation capacity, etc.	Cherry, Cai	30 March 2022
5	Report back to the International Relations Advisory Committee for any support of this event	Peter, Savoff	30 April 2022
6	Brief with City of Darwin library and fun bus team about this event and potential kids and baby activities on the Dragon Boat Race day.	Cherry, Cai	30 April 2022
7	Send out meeting invite/Agenda to all members	Cherry, Cai	Fortnightly/Monthly

Updated on 24 Feb 2022

Organisation	Name	Position
Australia China Business Council NT	Mr Daryl Guppy	President
Chinese Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory of Australia Inc.	Ms Connie Jape	President
Charles Darwin University	Mr David Young	College Dean
Australia China Friendship Society NT Branch	Ms Shu Qin Li	President
Chung Wah Society Inc	Mr Roland Chin Mr Austin Chin (cultural adviser)	President Vice Patron
Darwin Sister City Committee	Cr Jimmy Bouhoris Alternate: Ms Vida Goodvach	Committee representative
International Relations Advisory Committee	Mr Peter Savoff	Committee representative
Australian Dragon Boat Federation	Mr Daryl Manzie Mr Phil Reader	NT paddlers representatives
Arafura Dragon Boat Club	Mr Mark Austin	Club Representative
Darwin Waterfront Warriors (Darwin Dragon Boat Club)	Ms Laura Young	Club Representative

**10.2 UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE NT OFFICE**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report Update from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Office be received and noted.

**THIS REPORT IS PRESENTED BY MARK SAYERS, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE NT OFFICE****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on relevant international programs and agreements from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Office.

**Australia Awards**

The Australia Awards are part of a suite of initiatives aimed at strengthening links / networks between the people of Australia and those of countries in the Indo-Pacific region. The Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships and short courses offering the next generation of global leaders an opportunity to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia. They make a significant contribution to leadership and skill development in the region, and in sectors that align with countries' development priorities.

For 2022, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) offered 2,075 Australia Awards scholarships and short courses to women and men from 27 developing countries. Currently there are seven Australia Awards Scholarship awardees studying at Charles Darwin University: two from Indonesia, two from Kiribati, and one each from Tonga, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. Three are studying in the education field (one at Masters level); one in accounting; one in emergency and disaster management (Masters); one in public health (Masters) and another undertaking a PhD.

**The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP)**

RCEP is a regional free trade agreement that will complement and build upon Australia's existing free trade agreements with 14 other Indo-Pacific countries. RCEP entered into force on 1 January 2022, for ten countries, Australia, New Zealand, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Japan, Laos, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, with Australia as an original party. RCEP entered into force for the Republic of Korea on 1 February 2022 and for Malaysia on 18 March 2022.

RCEP covers trade in goods, trade in services, investment, economic and technical cooperation, and creates new rules for electronic commerce, intellectual property, government procurement, competition, and small and medium-sized enterprises.

RCEP will provide:

- A single set of rules and procedures for Australian goods exporters to utilise RCEP's preferential tariff outcomes across the region, and increased opportunities for Australian business to access regional value chains by allowing goods made in another RCEP party from

Australian inputs to benefit from tariff preferences under RCEP when exported to a third RCEP party.

- Avenues for tackling non-tariff barriers, including in areas such as quarantine and technical standards, by promoting compliance with WTO rules and further improving cooperation and transparency. Rules on intellectual property and e-commerce will help create an enabling environment for business to trade digitally in the region and support consumer confidence in the online environment.
- New market access commitments for service suppliers and investors in China and ASEAN markets such as Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, and provide an additional avenue through which exporters can access those markets in which we already enjoy high quality FTA commitments, including Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, and Singapore.

Please see the outcomes of RCEP in [RCEP outcomes documents | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(dfat.gov.au\)](#)

### **The Australian Agriculture Visa**

The Australian Agriculture Visa program has been introduced to address workforce shortages in the agriculture sector. It delivers on the Australian Government's commitment to put in place a broad ranging visa to support the growth of Australia's agricultural and primary industry sectors as they strive to reach \$100 billion in value by 2030.

The Australian Agriculture Visa program will supplement the existing Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme. The PALM scheme remains the primary scheme for meeting agricultural workforce shortages

#### **How the Agriculture Visa program IS being implemented**

- The Australian Agriculture Visa program is managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) leveraging its experience with the successful PALM scheme.
- The Department of Home Affairs is responsible for processing all visa and sponsorship applications, as well as providing operational support with the Australian Border Force to ensure ongoing visa integrity.
- The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment is responsible for ensuring that the needs of relevant primary industry sectors are being met.
- The Fair Work Ombudsman is responsible for ensuring employee protection and upholding workers' rights.

Details in [The Australian Agriculture Visa | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(dfat.gov.au\)](#)

### **Reforms to the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme**

From April 2022, the two separate worker visa streams under the PALM scheme – for the Seasonal Worker Programme and the Pacific Labour Scheme – will be consolidated and replaced by a single PALM scheme visa with both seasonal (up to 9 months) and longer-term (between one and four years) options. The new visa is valid for a longer period (up to four years) and allows workers to return to Australia multiple times.

Under this new visa, employers will have greater workforce stability and workers will have more time to develop skills and earn money to send home to their families and communities. Employers will also be able to nominate seasonal workers who want to stay longer in Australia for a longer-term visa, and workers can apply to make this change onshore.

Other changes from April 2022 include the removal of recruitment caps for employers with a good track record, relationship manager staff on the ground to cover every Australian state and territory,

the removal of restrictions on sectors and industries eligible to participate and further streamlining of processes for employers.

Details – including a fact sheet available from the PALM scheme website ([Home | PALM scheme](#))

### **Australia – India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement**

Recent years have seen remarkable growth in the trading relationship between India and Australia, fuelled by the many complementarities between the two economies. Two-way trade in goods and services has grown in value from \$13.6 billion in 2007 to \$24.3 billion in 2020.

India is the world's largest democracy and is a market of 1.3 billion people. Its youthful population, diversified economy, and growth trajectory present significant opportunity for Australian business, including in education, agriculture, energy, resources, tourism, healthcare, financial services, infrastructure, science and innovation, and sport. In 2020, India was Australia's seventh largest trading partner, with two-way trade valued at \$24.3 billion, and sixth largest goods and services export market, valued at \$16.9 billion.

On 2 April 2022, Australia signed the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI ECTA). AI ECTA will further strengthen our bilateral relationship, while making Australian exports to India cheaper and creating huge new opportunities for workers and businesses. AI ECTA is a stepping-stone towards a full Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement. It provides for competitive tariff elimination or tariff reduction on a range of key Australian goods exports and opens new services markets for suppliers in sectors that complement India's domestic reform priorities.

Details in [Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement \(AI-CECA\) | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(dfat.gov.au\)](#)

### **The Australian Vietnam Enhanced Economic Development Strategy**

The Australia Vietnam Enhanced Economic Development Strategy (the Strategy) was finalised in November 2021. The strategy sets out a vision for how Australia and Vietnam can work together with the aim of becoming top ten trading partners and doubling two-way investment. The strategy identifies sectors in which Vietnam and Australia have particular strengths, in order to build on the trade and investment relationship.

- Education, skills, and training
- Resources and energy
- Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
- Manufacturing
- Tourism
- Science, technology, and innovation
- Digital economy
- Services

Details in [Overview \(dfat.gov.au\)](#)

### **Foundations, councils and institutes**

The Australia-Japan Foundation Grants Round 2022-23 and the Australia-Korea Foundation Grants Round 2022-23 are now open.

Details at [Australia-Japan Foundation Grants](#) and [Australia-Korea Foundation Grants](#).

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

11.1 Verbal Updates from the Committee members

**12 Next Meeting**

This is the last meeting of the 2020-2022 International Relations Advisory Committee. The 2020-2022 membership is valid till 30 June 2022 as per International Relations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

**13 Closure of Meeting**



# **MINUTES**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 19 January 2022**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,  
DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2022 AT 10:40AM – 11.25PM**

**PRESENT:** Lord Mayor of City of Darwin The Hon. Kon Vatskalis, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone, CEO of Darwin Port Darren Lambourn, GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff, Chairman of Darwin Waterfront Board Richard Fejo, Sister City Chair Vida Goodvach, Top End Tourism Board member Ms Sam Bennet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, NT Office Sandra Henderson, Acting General Manager Innovation Dr Alice Percy

**OFFICERS:** Ms Cherry Cai

**APOLOGY:** Austrade Stephanie Smith, Migration NT Pompea Sweet

**GUESTS:** Nil

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.40 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**

Austrade Stephanie Smith  
Migration NT Pompea Sweet

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Lord Mayor The Hon. Kon Vatskalis  
Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris  
CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone  
CEO of Darwin Port Darren Lambourn  
GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff  
Chairman of Darwin Waterfront Board Richard Fejo  
Sister City Chair Ms Vida Goodvach  
Top End Tourism Board Ms Sam Bennet  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, NT Office Sandra Henderson  
Acting General Manager Innovation Dr Alice Percy

## **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 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Chairman of Darwin Waterfront Richard Fejo

That the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 27 October 2021 be confirmed.

**CARRIED****7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 2022 DARWIN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report be received and noted.

That the International Relations Advisory Committee appoints Ms Vida Goodvach to represent at the 2022 Dragon Boat Festival Working Group.

**CARRIED****9.2 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Lord Mayor The Hon. Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

That the report Membership Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 CONGRATS LETTER FROM INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Lord Mayor The Hon. Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

That the report be received and noted.

That the Committee endorses to provide a congratulation letter to Stephanie Smith for having a baby.

**CARRIED**

**10 MEMBER REPORTS****10.1 SEVEN SEASONS, SEVEN SENSES INCUBATOR PROGRAM****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Lord Mayor The Hon. Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Seven Seasons, Seven Senses Incubator Program be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee received the below comments:
  - Richard Fejo will follow up with Larrakia about the Incubator program
  - Vida Goodvach suggests putting this at the Darwin International Trade Show 2022 event
  - Sandra Henderson will promote to Austrade and DFAT key markets
  - Tony Edmondstone will promote in the Airport Ad infrastructure.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 DARWIN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW 2022 UPDATE****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Ms Vida Goodvach

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT Committee members are invited to participate in the event as keynote speakers and/or facilitators of a workshop, based on their skills, capacity and interest.
3. THAT the Committee members provide the below feedback/advice on the two-day event

programs to City of Darwin to plan the event.

**CARRIED**

### 10.3 INTERNATIONAL BID CHAMPION GRANT PROGRAM

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee received the below comment:
  - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT office will support and promote this program.

**CARRIED**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 VERBAL UPDATES

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee received the below verbal updates:

**Airport CEO Tony Edmonstone**

RAT is available in the airport for the passengers. 15,000 passengers through the international terminal. Assume 60%-80% of the pre-covid numbers in the dry season. Health screen rules need to change to create a better visitor experience.

**Port CEO Darren Lambourn**

Increase in trade through the ports, particularly construction, cars, and agriculture. Update on international shipping and domestic and international routes handling fee.

**DFAT Sandra Henderson**

Request a meeting with LM for the new Ambassador to Timor-Leste in early Feb. Australia is providing an initial package of \$1m to meet urgent humanitarian requests from Tonga, including shelter, kitchen, and hygiene. Details will be sent via email after the meeting. DFAT supports the City of Darwin's Trade Show and 7 Senses 7 Seasons Incubator Program.

**Sister City Chair Vida Goodvach**

Thanks to Lord Mayor and City of Darwin for donating two tipper trucks to the Tiwi Regional Council as part of the Sister City program; Sister City Advisory Committee is exploring the opportunity to sponsor dance groups at the Darwin Festival.

**Acting GM of Innovation Alice Percy**

Alice: Discover Darwin's website is underway and will be launched before June 2022.

**CARRIED**

**11.2 VERBAL UPDATES – OUT OF SESSION ITEM****RECOMMENDATIONS**

- That the report be received and noted.
- THAT the Committee received the below updates from Migration NT Pompea Sweet via email on 19 January 2022, including:

**Interim NT Worker Attraction Campaign 2022**

- That campaign is scheduled to commence late January and will run for 6 weeks.
- Target Audience: Australia – NSW, VIC, SA and WA. International – London, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland and NZ
- Platform: social media and Youtube

**NT International Engagement Strategy**

- Next step - Final strategy to progress to Cabinet consideration

**NT Business & Migration Strategy**

- Draft under development

**Increased hours for International students**

- Announced on 13 January 2022. Australian Government lifted the 40 hour per fortnight work limitation placed on student visas.
- International students and working holidaymakers (backpackers) can return to Australia for work and holidays –need to be double vaccinated with approved vaccines in accordance with Australian Government rules.

**UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement**

- Whilst FTA has been signed; still a way to go as implementation provisions of the agreement do not commence immediately.
- FTA still needs to be tabled and passed by both Houses of Federal Parliament.
- Once that has happened, the agreement will enter into force 30 days later.
- HOWEVER – some components of the FTA will still take time to operationalise. ie Working Holiday Maker component – age limit increase to 35 years and 3 year stays in Australia will occur within 2 years of FTA coming into force.

**Australian Agriculture Worker Visa**

- Bilateral negotiations continue with countries to opt in.
- Migration NT is working with DFAT (Sandy Henderson) to bid for NT to be pilot jurisdiction with Indonesia.

**12.3 2022 DARWIN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP MEMBER APPOINTMENT – OUT OF SESSION****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report be received and noted.

That the International Relations Advisory Committee was called for the re-nomination of the representative to the Working Group via email on 21 January 2022.

Mr Peter Savoff was nominated to represent at the 2022 Dragon Boat Festival Working Group.

**12 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held from 10.30-12.00 am Thursday 14 April 2022.

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.25 am.