

Agenda

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday, 24 June 2026
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Council Chambers Darrandirra
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer



SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Community Member Kate Heelan
Community Member Nerida Hart
Community Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati
Community Member Siji Issac
Community Member Stephanie Lin
Community Member Tony Miaoudis
Community Member Paddy Mohan
Community Member Ninik Stroud
Community Member Allan Woo
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

OFFICERS

Executive Manager Place and Economic Development, Susannah Penman

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

3.2 Leave of Absence Granted

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 Electronic Attendance Granted

4.2 Electronic Attendance Requested

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

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7 MOVING OF ITEMS

7.1 Moving Open Items into Confidential

7.2 Moving of Confidential Items into Open

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

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9.1 VERBAL UPDATES

Author: Manager of Economic Development and International Relations
Authoriser: Executive Manager Place and Economic Development
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS
THAT the report entitled Verbal Updates from City of Darwin be received and noted.

9.2 UPDATE ON SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN

Author: Manager Economic Development
Manager of Economic Development and International Relations

Authoriser: Executive Manager Place and Economic Development

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Update on Sister Cities Action Plan be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Sister Cities Action Plan 2024–2026, endorsed by Council on 27 August 2024, is implemented and kept up to date, and that projects and initiatives align with strategic objectives.

KEY ISSUES

- The current Action Plan follows on from the previous Sister Cities Action Plan 2023-2024.
- Key updates relate to:
 - Darwin Welcome Pack for New Businesses
 - Darwin Ambon Yacht Rally
 - 2026 Darwin Sister City Award – Storytelling Competition

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the Action Plan is to:

- identify initiatives collectively
- gain formal budgetary approvals to facilitate the implementation of initiatives or projects
- establish and coordinate key success indicators in place
- measure progress and delivery.

Actions Update

Item	Tasks/ Projects Scope/Deliverables	Timeframe	Status
1	Support and deliver the 2025 Darwin Fusion	FY 2024/25	Completed
2	Darwin Welcome Pack for New businesses	FY 2025/26	Investigations and preliminary discussions are currently underway to integrate the Welcome Pack into a broader business engagement program. The team is aiming to deliver this in the second half of 2026.
3	Develop metrics to measure and report on the Sister City relationship activities	FY 2024/25	Completed in the SCAC Action Plan and PMP for each project.
4	2025 International Women's Day Walk participation	FY 2025/26	Completed
5	2024 Darwin Sister City Committee Christmas Walk and sponsorship for the community representing the Sister City countries to make a float or walk based on the request	FY 2024/25	Completed
6	2025 Darwin Ambon Yacht Rally or similar event hosted in Darwin	FY 2025/26	The 2025 Darwin–Ambon Yacht Rally did not proceed. A carry forward of funds was approved to support the 2026 Darwin–Ambon Yacht Rally. City of Darwin has been advised that the 2026 Darwin–Ambon Yacht Rally will no longer be going to Ambon. The funding will be redirected to Darwin Fusion 2026.
7	2025 Darwin Dili Yacht Rally	FY 2024/25	Completed

8	2025 Darwin Sister City Award – Storytelling Competition	FY 2024/25	Completed
9	Darwin and Sister Cities' marketing and promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to promote Darwin and Darwin's Sister Cities programs via the Discover Darwin LinkedIn and Website 	FY 2025/26	Ongoing - Discover Darwin and LinkedIn.
10	Darwin Sister Cities Soiree	August 2025	Completed
11	Darwin Sister City Cup 2026	10 to 12 July 2026	Ongoing
12	2026 Darwin Sister City Award – Storytelling Competition	FY 2024/25	Due to planning underway for Darwin Fusion 2026, a carry forward will be requested for this project to be delivered in the first quarter of 2026/27 financial year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	N/A
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

9.3 UPDATE ON THE 2024-2026 SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS

Author: Manager of Economic Development and International Relations
Manager Economic Development

Authoriser: Executive Manager Place and Economic Development

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Update on the 2024-2026 Sister City Advisory Committee Terms be received and noted.

PURPOSE

This report provides an update on the membership term for Community Members of the 2024–2026 Sister City Advisory Committee.

KEY ISSUES

- Under the Terms of Reference, membership term for Sister City Advisory Committee Community Members is two years and will conclude on 30 June 2026.
- On the 30 September 2025, Council endorsed a workshop to be held as part of a 'Forum Meeting' to review the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference.
- Council has recently endorsed the continuation of the Sister City Advisory Committee.
- An Expression of Interest (EOI) process will be undertaken to appoint community members for the 2026–2028 Committee term.
- Current members are eligible to submit an application when the EOI opens.

DISCUSSION	
<p>As outlined in the Terms of Reference, the membership term for community members is two years and will conclude on 30 June 2026.</p> <p>An Expression of Interest will be advertised for new community members for the new term (2026–2028).</p> <p>The City of Darwin will issue a letter of appreciation to all members in due course, acknowledging the time and effort they have contributed, as well as the valuable knowledge they have shared in accessible, meaningful, and dynamic ways.</p>	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
N/A	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City</p> <p>5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</p>
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Budget/Funding: N/A</p> <p>Is Funding identified: N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Existing Position No: N/A</p> <p>Contractor: N/A</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation:</p> <p><i>Local Government Act 2019</i></p> <p>Policy:</p> <p>N/A</p>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>Engagement Level: N/A</p> <p>Tactics:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Internal:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>External:</p> <p>N/A</p>
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<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>

10 MEMBER REPORTS

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

THAT the next Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting be held on , at (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section).

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

18.1 Friendship and Sister City Cooperation

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Minutes

Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Unconfirmed

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Community Member Kate Heelan (Chair)
Community Member Nerida Hart
Community Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati
Community Member Siji Issac
Community Member Tony Miaoudis
Community Member Ninik Stroud
Community Member Allan Woo
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

OFFICERS:

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Community Member Stephanie Lin
Community Member Paddy Mohan

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1 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.

Community Member Tony Miaoudis was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

Community Member Siji Issac was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC001/26

Moved: Community Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati

Seconded: Community Member Ninik Stroud

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED 6/0

Community Member Tony Miaoudis joined the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Community Member Siji Issac joined the meeting at 5:40 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC002/26

Moved: Community Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Community Member Ninik Stroud

THAT the apology from the following members be received.

- Community Member Stephanie Lin
- Community Member Paddy Mohan

CARRIED 8/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC003/26

Moved: Community Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Community Member Ninik Stroud

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
- Community Member Nerida Hart

CARRIED 8/0

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

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 SCAC004/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Allan Woo

THAT the minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**18.1 UPDATE ON KALYMNOS AND DARWIN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC013/26**

Moved: Community Member Allan Woo

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Kalymnos and Darwin Language Scholarship Program be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0**18.2 PROPOSAL FOR FRIENDSHIP CITY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ATAMBUA****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC014/26**

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Friendship City Agreement with the City of Atambua be received and noted.
2. THAT the Sister City Advisory Committee recommend City of Darwin do not enter into negotiations with the City of Atambua to become a Friendship City.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0**8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 UPDATE ON SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC005/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Chyntia Elsinta Indrawati

THAT the report entitled Update on Sister Cities Action Plan be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR SISTER CITIES CUP AND DARWIN FUSION 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC006/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT the report entitled Update on Planning for Sister Cities Cup and Darwin Fusion 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.3 UPDATE ON WELCOMING CITIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC007/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT the report entitled Update on Welcoming Cities be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC008/26**

Moved: Community Member Siji Issac

Seconded: Community Member Nerida Hart

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

Community Member Kate Heelan

- International Women's Day Walk on Saturday, 7 March 2026 with initial gathering at Charles Darwin University Danala Campus for opening speeches. Flyers and maps were provided to committee members and the General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that committee members will gather at 8:00 am – 8:15 am at the Danala Campus to participate in the event with a City of Darwin banner.

CARRIED 8/0

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

THAT the next Sister City Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, 29 April 2026, at 5:30 PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC009/26**

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud
Seconded: Community Member Tony Miaoudis

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 8/0

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

18.1 Update on Kalymnos and Darwin Language Scholarship Program

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

18.2 Proposal for Friendship City Agreement with the City of Atambua

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SCAC010/26

Moved: Community Member Ninik Stroud

Seconded: Community Member Allan Woo

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 pm.

CARRIED 8/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 6:40 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 6:40 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Sister City Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2026.

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CHAIR

Unconfirmed