COMMITTEE: **SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE: **27 JULY 2011**

No actions required for approval by General Manager.

Approved as recommended by Committee

13/9/2011

OK to sign off

MINUTES OF MEETING

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2011

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Jean Hay AM	Mayor
Cr Alan Le Surf	Councillor (Chair)
Other Representatives	
John O'Brien	Community Member
Sue O'Brien	Community Member
Trevor Schwab	Community Member
Lyn Schwab	Community Member
Tatsuko Ryan	Community Member
Helen Foster	Community Member
Tony Foster	Community Member
Jack Nash	Community Member
Suzanne Smith	Mackellar Girls Campus
Wayne Collins	Community Member
Gay Collins	Community Member
Diane Sullivan	Community Member
Amanda Kibby (nee Dummett)	St Paul's College
Peter Stephens	Community Member
Judi Mudge	Community Member

Council Staff

Elaine Kent	Sister Cities Co-ordinator
Fiona Stuart	Sister Cities Assistant

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Sister Cities Committee** met on Wednesday 27 July 2011 to consider matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.00pm in the Councillors Room.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE — **ACTION**

Leave of absence - Sumiyo Mimori, Kym Swaby, Leslee Grant, Yoko Sullivan and David Freeman.

Apology – Liberty Campbell, Elise Gilet and Ross Fleming were an apology.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Sister Cities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 were approved.
Moved: Peter Stephens Seconded: Gay Collins

MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

ITEM 4 Friendship City and Sister City Projects/Exchanges

4.1 Taito-ku, Japan

Awaiting final itinerary from Taito City for the visit of Peter Stephens and Elise Gilet from Monday 5th - Monday 12th December 2011.

Members were advised that the proposed dates for the 2012 visit to Taito for the 30th Anniversary celebrations conflicted with public holidays so other dates will now be investigated around mid May. This matter will be progressed.

Wayne Collins advised he was at the first inception of Taito and Manly's Sister City Relationship.

There were no further matters to report.

4.2 Odawara, Japan

4.2.1 <u>2011 Manly/Odawara Student Exchange Programme</u>

- Chaperones gave a brief account on the visit to Odawara City with the 22 Manly students. A written report will be provided at a later date.
- Final preparations for the Manly Itinerary were discussed and a revised copy of the schedule with additional information and any amendments (attached) will be emailed to members ahead of the Odawara group's arrival.
- An email will be sent to Manly students inviting them to be involved in the Manly Arts Festival Lantern Parade with the lantern parade they made in Odawara.

4.2.2 <u>First Aid, and Working with Children Check, for Committee Members</u>

Some completed Working with Children Check 'Volunteers Forms' have been received from SCC members.
Tony Foster advised he already had a Working with Children Check as part of his employment.

4.3 Jing'an, China

There were no matters to report.

4.4 Yeongdo-gu, South Korea

Members discussed the visit to Yeongdo for the 19th Bridge Festival 1st – 6th September 2011. Members will book their own airfares and pay all costs. The names of those in the delegation will be sent to Yeongdo. 6 persons will represent Manly.

There were no further matters to report.

4.5 Gunnedah, Australia

Eight students (5 girls and 3 boys representing 4 local high

schools), along with chaperones Chairman Alan Le Surf and Sister Cities Co-ordinator Elaine Kent, will visit Gunnedah for the 1st 'Beach to Bush' Programme from Monday 15th August – Thursday 18th August 2011. The programme (attached) that Gunnedah Shire Council has planned will allow the students to immerse themselves in rural life and learn about the land. A visit to Agquip, the largest agricultural show in the Southern Hemisphere, has been organised for Wednesday 17th August. Accommodation is at Lake Keepit at a NSW Government Sport & Recreation Camp.

The Chairman thanked Tony Foster for assisting with the programme preparations and student interviews.

Two meetings will be held with the students prior to going to Gunnedah.

Alan Le Surf will drive the hired mini bus to Gunnedah.

4.6 Waikiki, Hawaii
There were no matters to report on the proposal for a Sister City Relationship with Waikiki. This matter will be followed up by the Mayor with further discussion with Mayor of Warringah Michael Regan.

Recommendation
That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 FINANCIAL REPORT
The end of June Financial Report was presented and accepted.
Moved: Gay Collins
Seconded: John O'Brien

Recommendation
That the report be received and noted.

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT
Correspondence, In and Out, was noted.

Resolved:
That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS
7.1 Donated Japanese Items
Members agreed that any Japanese items left over after the Sister Cities stall held at the Red Cross Benefit Event will be donated to Dalwood Children's Home.

7.2 Australian Festival of Surfing
Mayor Jean Hay AM advised members that:

- Australia will host a prestigious annual surfing event, with the company Hurley (Nike) choosing Manly as the destination for this huge event
- The event, to be held in February 2012, has the biggest prize money of any contest and has surfing legends competing such as Kelly Slater

- The General Manager and Manager of Human Services & Facilities will travel with her, along with a team from Tourism NSW, to meet the Mayor of Huntingdon Beach in the USA, on Friday 5th August 2011 to discuss the collaboration
- The Mayor also advised that Huntingdon had expressed a desire for a Sister City Relationship

There were no other matters of General Business.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 24th August 2011
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm - Training Room

Meeting closed at 8.00pm