

Sister City Committee



AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING:	08 May 2018
LOCATION:	Staff Lunch Room
TIME:	7.00pm

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SECTION B

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SUBJECT: Sister City Activity Report

FILE NUMBER: 09/00328

REPORT BY: Sonja Drca, Manager Governance and Legal

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Committee consider the invitation from Zhenjiang City to attend the International Sister Cities Conference from 17 to 19 October 2018.
 2. Council write to Zhenjiang City to formalise the Sister City Agreement.
 3. The Zhenjiang Foreign Affairs Office be advised of the Committee's decision.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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CITY PLAN

This report is linked to *Theme 5 Good Governance and Leadership* in the Fairfield City Plan.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the background and activities of the Sister City Committee and to consider Zhenjiang City invitation to attend the International Sister Cities Conference from 17 to 19 October 2018.

Council has established a number of Sister City relationships which are dealt with by the Sister City Committee. The following Councillors were appointed to this Committee at the 26 September 2017 Council Meeting:

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Mayor Carbone
Councillor Bennett
Councillor Kazi
Councillor Ly
Councillor Wong

Councillor Azzo
Councillor Grippaudo
Councillor Khoshaba
Councillor Saliba
Councillor Yilmaz

Council has determined that the functions of the Sister City Committee are to:

- encourage friendships between the people of Fairfield and its Sister Cities;
- promote international understanding and provide opportunities for residents to experience the culture of the Sister Cities so that they develop greater awareness, tolerance and understanding of other cultures;
- give young people the opportunity to develop leadership skills and experience different cultures; and
- develop business and economic relationships between the Sister Cities and Fairfield so the City and community benefit financially.

SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

Council currently has the following relationships:

Country	City	Type of relationship	Date of Agreement
Australia	Griffith City Council	Sister City Agreement	11/07/2009
China	Shantou	Friendship Agreement	26/04/2005
	Taizhou	Letter of Intent	20/04/2005
	Zhenjiang	Sister City Agreement	14/10/2006
Italy	Provincia Reggio Di Calabria – covering the Cities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locri• Plati• Riace• Siderno• San Lorenzo• San Giorgio Morgeto• Rocella Ionica• Palmi	Sister City Agreement	22/05/1995
Taiwan	Hsinchu	Sister City	8/09/1994

SISTER CITY ACTIVITIES

There has been no recent activity or correspondence with any of the Sister Cities until receipt of a recent letter from Zhenjiang Foreign Affairs Office.

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In considering this matter it has come to attention that the Sister City Agreement with Zhenjiang was for a 5 year period only, commencing 14 October 2006. The Agreement can be extended by exchange of correspondence. It is understood the City of Zhenjiang wishes to continue the relationship and therefore, it is recommended to write to Zhenjiang and formalise the Agreement. The City of Zhenjiang and Fairfield City Council signed the Sister City Agreement on 14 October 2006.

An invitation (**Attachment A**) has been received from Zhenjiang for a Fairfield Council delegation to attend the International Sister Cities Conference hosted by the Jiangsu Provincial People's Government from 17 to 19 October 2018 in Zhenjiang, China.

The matter is before the Committee to determine interest in participating.

Recommendation:

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Invitation

Dear Mayor of Fairfield City,

On the occasion of the Zhenjiang International Sister Cities Conference, which is scheduled to be held at Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province from 17th to 19th October, 2018, we hereby request your honor of presence at the opening ceremony & city summit forum at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Zhenjiang.

Schedule

17 Oct. 2018	18 Oct. 2018
All day: arrival	09:30 opening ceremony of Zhenjiang Low Carbon Expo.
18:00 mayors meeting	12:00 lunch
18:40 signing ceremony	14:00 city summit on "Green environment, Beautiful Home"
19:00 welcoming dinner	16:00 opening ceremony of "Window of the City"
	18:30 Banquet hosted by the government
	19 Oct. 2018
	09:30 home-visiting at local community and cultural exchange
	12:00 lunch
	14:00 planting friendship tree
	15:30 business meeting with local companies
	18:00 dinner

