

APOLOGIES

Mrs Corrinne Mendham

PRESENT

Mrs Robyn McPherson (Chairperson)
Mrs Janine Tout (Deputy Chairperson)
The Mayor, Councillor Greg Conkey OAM
Councillor Rod Kendall
Councillor Kerry Pascoe
Mrs Ali Tanner
Mr Brian Andrews
Mrs Lesley Vennell
Ms Melissa McKinnon

IN ATTENDANCE

Monique Price – Executive Assistant (Mayor)
Scott Gray – Manager Executive Support
Belinda King – Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

The meeting of the Sister City Community Committee commenced at 4.33pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Recommendation:

On the Motion of J Tout and B Andrews

That the Committee accept the meeting schedule.

CARRIED

RP-2 DONATION OF BAGS FROM BEE DEE BAGS

Recommendation:

On the Motion of L Vennell and A Tanner

That the Committee note the donation and send a thank you letter to Bee Dee bags for their donation.

CARRIED

RP-3 SISTER CITY WALKWAY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and K Pascoe

That the Committee view and accept the artwork supplied for the Sister City Walkway Public Art Project and ask the artist to provide a brief interpretation to be displayed with each artwork.

CARRIED

RP-4 ST GEORGE CHAMBERCHOIR VISIT

Recommendation:

On the Motion of L Vennell and J Tout

That the Committee review and accept the itinerary.

CARRIED

RP-5 HOW TO BRING SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIPS TO THE COMMUNITY

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillors M McKinnon and R Kendall

That the Committee workshop ideas surrounding Sister City Partnerships and the Wagga Wagga Community.

CARRIED

Workshop Ideas

- People to people contact – The possibility of meeting up with people their own age for engagement
- Social Media – Facebook, Instagram
- Directional Signs

- A Sister City information page on Councils website – (Council does currently have one).
 - Currently only has Monique Price as the contact, but maybe the Committee members names could also be added.
 - Could add photographs and details of previous visits
- Correspondence in the Daily Advertiser - Council news
- Can utilise the image from the bags
 - Welcome to Wagga entrances
 - Promotional material such as badges and stubby holders
- Could we sell the promotional bags
- Regular cultural exchange – eg. Artist in residence
- Involving schools
 - Information packs for schools
- Beer festival – Thirsty Crowe (Commercial Partner)
- Rotary – Student exchange program
- Tours for Wagga people travelling to the Sister Cities
 - Information for people - How to travel there and what they can see and do
 - Ask local travel agency's to promote the Sister Cities

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/GENERAL BUSINESS

- GB-1** The Mayor, Councillor Greg Conkey noted that today's meeting is the same date as flying officer Robert Bruce Micklejohn lost his life when the aircraft he was flying was shot down on the night of 21/22 June 1943 in Belgium. He has written to the village and the Australian Ambassador.
- GB-2** Ali Tanner requested a further explanation on the Confidentiality agreement and Media Policy that was given to the Committee at the last meeting in the Induction. This is in reference to the comments made in the Daily Advertiser regarding the Sister City Committee.
- GB-3** Robyn McPherson asked if any outgoing correspondence could include the Sister City logo that has been created.
- GB-4** Councillor Kerry Pascoe asked we could look at another friendship City – Tieling China.

The Sister City Community Committee rose at 5.33pm.