

International Relations Committee

Minutes

21 June 2018

Committee Terms of Reference

1. *To facilitate, support and promote cultural, sporting, education, tourism and economic partnership opportunities between Bunbury and its international partners including but not limited to its Sister City and Friendship City relationships.*
2. *To encourage, through Sister City and other international relationships, greater understanding and friendship between City of Bunbury residents and participating cities and in doing so contribute to the mutual benefit of all communities involved.*
3. *To foster the involvement of commercial, educational and community organisations in various aspects of international relationships and to encourage the development of special links with overseas counterparts.*
4. *To promote Bunbury's international relationships to the wider community, in turn increasing community awareness and participation.*
5. *To advise Council on issues of importance and provide ideas for extending affiliations and developing new international partnerships.*
6. *To ensure all communications to Mayors of Bunbury's international partners are undertaken through the Office of the Mayor.*

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Members of the public to note that recommendations made by this committee are not final and will be subject to adoption (or otherwise) at a future meeting of the Bunbury City Council.

1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member Tresslyn Smith declared the meeting open at 10:00 am.

2. Disclaimer

Not applicable to this committee.

3. Announcements from the Presiding Member

Nil

4. Attendances

Committee Members:

Member Name	Representing
Mayor Gary Brennan	Councillor Representative
Cr Tresslyn Smith	Councillor Representative
Mr Paul Springate	Community Representative
Ms Amanda Yip	Community Representative
Ms Pauline Vukelic	Community Representative
Ms Valda Smith	Community Representative
Mayor Gary Brennan	City of Bunbury

Ex-officio Members (non-voting):

Member Name	Title
Mr Mark Exeter	South West Development Commission Representative
Ms Lyn Farrell	Edith Cowan University SW Campus Representative
Mr Yan Lyu	Bunbury-Jiaxing Business Office Representative

Support Staff:

Name	Title
Carol McDowall	Senior Officer International Relations
Martin Roberts	Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
Kylie Tucker	Administration Assistant

4.1. *Apologies*

Ms Felicity Farnell was an apology for the meeting

4.2. *Approved Leave of Absence*

Nil

5. Declaration of Interest

IMPORTANT: Committee members to complete a “Disclosure of Interest” form for each item on the agenda in which they wish to disclose a financial/proximity/impartiality interest. They should give the form to the Presiding Member <u>before</u> the meeting commences. After the meeting, the form is to be forwarded to the Administration Services Section for inclusion in the Corporate Financial Disclosures Register.
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Nil

6. Public Question Time

Not applicable

7. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the International Relations Committee Meeting held 1 May 2018 had been circulated.

Executive Recommendation

The minutes of the International Relations Committee Meeting held on 1 May 2018, are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Outcome of the Meeting held 1 May 2018

The recommendation (as printed) was moved Mayor Brennan, seconded Amanda Yip.

The Presiding Member put the motion to the vote and it was adopted to become the Committee's decision on the matter.

Committee Decision

The Minutes of the International Relations Meeting held on 1 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 votes "for" / Nil votes "against"

8. Petitions, Presentations and Deputations

8.1. *Petitions*

Nil

8.2. *Presentations*

Nil

8.3. *Deputations*

Nil

9. Method of Dealing with Agenda Business

Items are dealt with in the order that they appear.

10. Reports

10.1. General Update on Current Status

Applicant/Proponent:	Internal Report
Responsible Officer:	Carol McDowall, Senior Officer International Relations
Responsible Manager:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Executive:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Authority/Discretion	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Executive/Strategic <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi-Judicial <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Purposes
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

This purpose of this report is to inform the International Relations Committee on the current status of the International Relations Office.

Executive Recommendation

That the International Relations Committee review the General Update on Current Status.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Strategic Relevance

Theme 1 Our community and culture
Goal A safe, healthy and cohesive community, with a rich cultural life, and supportive social environment
Objective 1.3 A welcoming community, where diverse cultures are valued, and residents have a sense of belonging

Background

There are ongoing programs run by the City of Bunbury through our long term formal sister and friendship city relationships, as well as events and programs guided by the International Relations Department strategic framework. This item is designed to outline these, their current status and future directions.

Council Policy Compliance

There is no Council Policy applicable to this report.

Legislative Compliance

Local Government Act 1995

Officer Comments

Current and future events and activities are outlined below by relationship country.

JAPAN

- **Outgoing Goodwill Tour to Setagaya** – This tour is fully subscribed with 16 students, three accompanying adults and one tour leader. The students will travel to Japan on 24 September and return 5 October 2018.
- **Incoming Goodwill Tour to Bunbury** – the Setagaya students will be in Bunbury from 2 to 8 November 2018.
- **Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School and Setagaya Junior High School Exchange** – This program is currently progressing with 20 Setagaya Junior High School students coming to Bunbury from 10 to 22 September 2018. The Bunbury students will travel to Japan for three weeks in January 2019.
- **Festival of Japan** – The Festival of Japan will take place at BREC in the Skybar and Wellington Suites from 11:00am to 4:00pm on the Saturday 11 of August 2018. Entry is free, but participants must download a ticket from the BREC website.
- **Biennial Photo Competition with Setagaya** – the planning has begun for the 2019 Photo Competition. Last year's sponsors will be approached again (Simcoa, Bunbury Camera House and Helloworld). A date has not been set for the competition.

CHINA

- **Bunbury Chinese New Year Festival** – 2019 Festival will be Year of the Pig and held on 2 February 2019 on Victoria Street on the Café Strip. Maker & Co will be used for inside spaces. Organisers are currently applying for funding through the City of Bunbury Events Funding round.
- **Confucius Institute** – Chinese classes are currently being held at the Vukelic Group and Edith Cowan University.
- **Peasant Paintings** – Jiaying have agreed to give Bunbury a collection of Peasant paintings. Exhibition space has been booked at BRAG from 12 January to 24 February 2018 in the Fourth Gallery.
- **SW Chinese Sister Cities** – we are currently in the process of making connections with other local governments that have connections with China. This first meeting has been held with the Shire of Manjimup on 13 June 2018.

VIETNAM

- **Bunbury City Band** – The Bunbury City Band will take up to 26 band members to Nha Trang during the September school holidays. We are working closely with the city of Nha Trang to arrange venues for them to play at including schools, orphanages, and parks.

OVERALL

- **Southwest Multicultural Festival** – this year, as part of the Year of Japan, there will be a Sister City Café at the Festival. The Bunbury Men's Shed has built a Japanese Gate that will mark the entrance to the café. The café will be proximate to the Japanese, Chinese and Vietnamese Food Vans.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

There are no financial or budgetary implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

Community Consultation

Not Applicable

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Relevant Officers have been consulted in relation to the preparation of this report.

Applicant Consultation

Not Applicable

Outcome of the Meeting held 21 June 2018

The Presiding Member put the motion to the vote and it was adopted to become the Committee's decision on the matter.

The recommendation was moved Mayor Brennan, seconded Amanda Yip.

Committee Decision

The International Relations Committee reviewed the General Update on Current Status.

CARRIED

7 votes "for" / Nil votes "against"

10.2. 2018 Jiaxing and Setagaya Delegation

Applicant/Proponent:	Internal Report
Responsible Officer:	Carol McDowall, Senior Officer International Relations
Responsible Manager:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Executive:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Authority/Discretion	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Executive/Strategic <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi-Judicial <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Purposes
Attachments:	Appendix 1: Delegation Report

Summary

This purpose of this report is to inform the International Relations Committee on the results of the delegation to China and Japan in May 2018.

Executive Recommendation

That the International Relations Committee note the report on the 2018 Jiaxing and Setagaya Delegation.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Strategic Relevance

Theme 1	Our community and culture
Goal	A safe, healthy and cohesive community, with a rich cultural life, and supportive social environment
Objective 1.3	A welcoming community, where diverse cultures are valued, and residents have a sense of belonging

Background

Periodically, usually coinciding with a major anniversary date, the City of Bunbury will travel to our Sister and Friendship cities to reaffirm our commitment to the city and to explore new areas for exchange. In 2018 the City of Bunbury travelled to Jiaxing to explore areas for exchange and to Setagaya to sign the Reaffirmation Agreement and celebrate 25 years as sister cities.

Council Policy Compliance

There is no Council Policy applicable to this report.

Legislative Compliance

Local Government Act 1995

Officer Comments

The City of Bunbury led a delegation to Jiaxing China from 5 to 8 May 2018 comprising eight delegates and to Setagaya, Japan from 9-16 May comprising 12 delegates.

A draft report on the delegation is attached.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

There are no financial or budgetary implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

Community Consultation

Not Applicable

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Relevant Officers have been consulted in relation to the preparation of this report.

Applicant Consultation

Not Applicable

Outcome of the Meeting held 21 June 2018

Mayor Gary Brennan offered his thanks to Senior Officer Carol McDowall on an excellent report.

Garry Brennan expressed his desire to take our International Relationships to the next level seeking opportunities in economic, educational and social activities with a focus on trade with Jiaxing.

Garry intends to circulate the report on the 2018 Jiaxing and Setagaya Delegation widely, as a means to benefit the whole Southwest region.

Cr Tresslyn Smith noted no geo political barriers were met during the tour.

Lyn Farrell noted the opportunity for International student exchange and that an education package that sees a consistent 20 International students to Bunbury each year requiring the commitment and cooperation of the City of Bunbury.

Pauline Vukelic added that the first serious commercial approach in the 25 years of the Sister Cities agreement has been made on the back of the recent 2018 delegation visit, with opportunities for the whole Bunbury – Geo region.

A motion was moved Paul Springate, seconded by Valda Smith.

“That the International relations Committee noted the report on the 2018 Jiaxing and Setagaya Delegation be finalised and be referred to the CEO for presentation to council”

The Presiding Member put the motion to the vote and it was adopted to become the Committee’s decision on the matter.

Committee Decision

That the International Relations Committee noted the report on the 2018 Jiaxing and Setagaya Delegation be finalised and referred to the CEO for presentation to council.

CARRIED
7 votes “for” / Nil votes “against”

11 Applications for Leave of Absence

11.1 Request for Leave of Absence – Paul Springate

Applicant/Proponent:	Paul Springate
Author:	Carol McDowall, Senior Officer International Relations
Executive:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachments:	Nil

Summary/Background

Paul Springate requests leave of absence from all International Relations Committee-related business from 3 September 2018 to 5 October 2018 inclusive.

Section 2.25 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, allows a council to grant leave of absence to one of its members provided that the period of leave does not exceed six (6) consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

Executive Recommendation

Pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995, Paul Springate is granted leave of absence from all International Relations Committee-related business from 3 September 2018 to 5 October 2018 inclusive.

Outcome of the Meeting held 21 June 2018

The recommendation was moved Pauline Vukelic, seconded Paul Springate.

The Presiding Member put the motion to the vote and it was adopted to become the Committee’s decision on the matter.

Committee Decision

Pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995, Paul Springate is granted leave of absence from all International Relations Committee-related business from 3 September 2018 to 5 October 2018 inclusive.

CARRIED
7 votes “for” / Nil votes “against”

12. Questions from Members

Nil

12.1. Response to Previous Questions from Members taken on Notice

Nil

12.2. Questions from Members

Nil

13. Urgent Business

Nil

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next formal meeting will be held 16 August 2018 at 10:00 am.

15. Close of Meeting

The Presiding member closed the meeting at 10.32am.