

International Relations Committee

Minutes

20 June 2019

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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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional owners of this land, the Wardandi Noongar people, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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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

Presiding member, Mayor Gary Brennan declared the meeting open at 10.05am.

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
Mr Paul Springate	Community Representative
Ms Felicity Farnell	Community Representative
Ms Amanda Yip	Community Representative
Ms Valda Smith	Community Representative

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
Gary Barbour	Director Planning and Development Services
Felicity Anderson	Manager Economic Development and Property
Kylie Tucker	Administration Assistant

4.1. Apologies

Cr Tresslyn Smith and Pauline Vukelic were apologies 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 before 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.

6. Public Question Time

Nil.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the International Relations Committee Meeting held 21 February 2019 had been circulated.

Executive Recommendation

That the Minutes of the International Relations Committee Meeting held 21 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Outcome of the Meeting held 20 June 2019

The recommendation (as printed) was moved by Felicity Farnell, seconded Amanda Yip.

The Presiding Member, Mayor Brennan 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 21 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 votes "for" / Nil votes "against"

8. Petitions, Presentations and Deputations

8.1. *Petitions*

8.2. *Presentations*

8.3. *Deputations*

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

File Ref:	Nil
Applicant/Proponent:	Internal Report
Responsible Officer:	Carol McDowall, Senior Officer International Relations
Responsible Manager:	Felicity Anderson, Manager Economic Development and Property
Executive:	Gary Barbour, Director Planning and Development 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 type="checkbox"/> Information Purposes
Attachments:	nil

Summary

The 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 reviews the General Update on Current Status.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority / Special Majority

Strategic Relevance

Theme No. Our Community and Culture
Goal A safe, healthy and cohesive community, with a rich cultural life, and supportive social environment
Objective No. A welcoming community, where diverse cultures are valued, and residents have a sense of belonging

Regional Impact Statement

N/A

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 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

Japan

2019 Tokyo Talent Tour

This year's tour now has 14 students (4 boys and 10 girls) and 4 adults (1 male, 3 female). The Tour Leader is Sheridan Duke from the Sports Centre. This year's tour includes two year 6 students from Djidi Djidi who are attending under a scholarship provided by Gary Brennan and Robyn Morris. Everyone is integrated nicely and working together on the fundraising.

Setagaya Biennial Photo Competition and Exhibition

The photos from the Setagaya Competition will be on exhibition at the Bunbury Regional Art Gallery from 12 July to 12 September. Opening night will be on 12 July from 6:00 to 8:00 and will be held in conjunction with two other openings at the Gallery. The Bunbury Photo competition will be run by the Photography Group of Bunbury who will display their winning photos at BRAG later in the year. These photos will be sent to Setagaya for exhibition in the Setagaya Art Museum.

Japanese Film Festival Regional

The Japanese Film Festival Regional will take place at Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre on Friday and Saturday 6,7 September 2019. The Friday night movie will be shown at 7:30 and the Saturday movie at 4:30. The student screening will be shown on 25 October 2019 at 9:30 am. Movie titles have not been released yet.

Gathering About Bonsai

Bonsai Society of Western Australia will hold their second annual Gathering About Bonsai at Bunbury Regional Art Gallery on 7-8 September. This workshop is open to the public and accessible for all. National Bonsai Artist, Chris Di Nola, will be presenting. Participants can book a single or a full day.

South West Festival of Japan

Rene Morrison from Your Turn Events has submitted a grant application to the City of Bunbury for the South West Festival of Japan. This event is proposed to take place on Saturday 7 September from 10 to 4. Headquartered at BRAG this event will be imbedded in the CBD with information stands, pop-up shops and existing shops all celebrating all things Japanese.

Setagaya Friendship Concert

The Setagaya Citizens Chorus and the Setagaya Philharmonic will arrive in Bunbury on 13 November. This 60 person delegation will be staying at the Lord Forest Hotel and will be performing with local groups the Bel Canto Singers and the Philharmonic South West on Friday 15 November at 6:30 at Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre Stage One. The Mayor is hosting a friendship dinner on Thursday evening at BREC for the group. Tickets are currently on sale at BREC for \$25 plus booking fee. Please book now to avoid disappointment.

China

Golden Koala Chinese Film Festival

The Golden Koala Chinese Film Festival is an Australian based film festival featuring films from Chinese language countries such as China, Malaysia, Singapore and others. The festival is held in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. On 19 May 2019 it was held in Bunbury for the first time. One film was shown at the Rose Hotel attended by the Festival Founder and the film's director. The Festival Founder, Ray, loved the Bunbury event and felt that it returned the festival to its roots where people enjoyed a film in a friendly environment over a beer and were then able to engage with the film makers. He wants to move the festival from Perth to Bunbury next year bringing more films and movie talent from China.

Bunbury Chinese New Year

This event is proposed to move into March (7 March) so as not to conflict with Chinese New Year events in Perth. Although this moves outside Chinese New Year, the event will retain its name as it reflects the essence of the event as a multicultural event. This will allow the event organiser to better plan for food, entertainers and cultural liaisons. The Bunbury-Jiaxing relationship is hoping to feature an interactive exhibit of the Wuzhen Ancient Water town and is working with the marketing department in Jiaxing to make this a reality.

Confucius Institute Chinese Language Classes

The Confucius Institute has been sending volunteer teachers to Bunbury for six years now. Currently there is one teacher at Dalyellup College and one teacher teaching adult students and also teaching at Childside in Boyanup. It is a great benefit to our community to have these teachers here. Please help promote these language classes so that they can continue.

Xiuzhou Modern Folk Paintings

These paintings have been exhibited at the Bunbury Regional Art Gallery and the Manjumup Art Gallery. They are currently on exhibition at Harvey Art Gallery until the end of July. To date eight paintings have been sold. In October and November they will be exhibited at Collie Art Gallery. We will be working with the new Noongar Arts Officer at BRAG to augment the fund to send a reciprocal exhibition to Jiaxing in November 2020 when the Mayor goes with the business delegation.

2020 Business Delegation to Jiaxing

The date for the business delegation to Jiaxing has been tentatively set for November 2020 to coincide with the Shanghai Import Expo. We are working with the BJBO and BGEA to find suitable delegates, source grants, and develop the itinerary in conjunction with Jiaxing.

Vietnam

Nha Trang has held their biennial Sea Festival and started their Year of Tourism.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

Not applicable

Community Consultation

Nil.

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Not applicable

Applicant Consultation

Not applicable

Timeline: Council Decision Implementation

Not applicable

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Committee Decision

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5 votes "for" / Nil votes "against"

10.2. Activities and Achievements of International Relations 2017-2019

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Attachments:	Attachment A - Activities and Achievements of International Relations 2017-2019

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the International Relations Committee on the achievements of International Relations from 2017 to 2019.

Executive Recommendation

It is recommended that the IRC note the report.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority / Special Majority

Strategic Relevance

Theme No. Our Community and Culture
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Regional Impact Statement

N/A

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 report is intended as a reflection of the achievement of the City of Bunbury International Relations department over the last three years.

Council Policy Compliance

There is no Council Policy applicable to this report.

Legislative Compliance

Local Government Act 1995

Officer Comments

Activities and achievements of the International Relations Office are covered in the report.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

Not applicable

Community Consultation

Nil.

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Not applicable

Applicant Consultation

Not applicable

Timeline: Council Decision Implementation

Not applicable

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Committee Decision

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11. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

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 Thursday, 15 August 2019 at 10:00am

15. Close of Meeting

The Presiding Member, Mayor Gary Brennan closed the meeting at 10.10am.

Confirmed this day 17 February 2020 to be a true and correct record of proceedings of the International Relations Committee Meeting held 20 June 2020.



Cr Tresslyn Smith
Presiding Member