



International Relations Committee

Minutes

24 August 2020

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 Custodians of this land, the Wardandi Noongar people, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

Vision

Bunbury: welcoming and full of opportunities.

Organisational Values

#WEARECOB

WE ARE COMMUNITY

We are one team
We keep each other safe
We display empathy and respect
We have fun and celebrate our successes
We work together to achieve great outcomes

WE ARE OPEN

We are open to opportunities
We actively listen and think things through
We are inclusive and treat everyone equally
We are honest and open in our communications
We are open to feedback to improve our performance

WE ARE BRAVE

We lead the change, we own it
We trust and empower each other
We have the difficult conversations early
We hold ourselves to the highest standard
We have the courage to improve and simplify

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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 declared the meeting open at 4:00 pm.

2. Disclaimer

Not applicable to this committee.

3. Announcements from the Presiding Member

There were no announcements from the Presiding Member.

4. Attendances

Committee Members:

Member Name	Representing
Cr Todd Brown	City of Bunbury
Cr Tresslyn Smith	City of Bunbury
Felicity Farnell	Community Representative
Pauline Vukelic (<i>from 4:10pm</i>)	Community Representative
Valda Smith	Community Representative
Paul Springate	Community Representative
Helena Sahm	Community Representative
Brooke Gray	Community Representative
John Taylor	Community Representative

Ex-officio Members (non-voting):

Member Name	Representing
Ms Lyn Farrell	Edith Cowan University SW Campus Representative
Mr Yan Lyu	Bunbury-Jiaxing Business Office Representative

Support Staff:

Name	Title
Carol McDowall	Senior International Engagement Officer
Kylie Tucker	International Engagement Officer

4.1 Apologies

Mr Mark Exeter, Mr Gary Barbour, Ms Felicity Anderson, Ms Jodie Donnelly and Ms Shamara Williams were apologies for the meeting.

Ms Jacqueline Sharp was absent from 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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6. Public Question Time

Not applicable to this Committee

7. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the International Relations Committee Meeting held 17 February 2020 have been circulated.

Recommendation

The Minutes of the International Relations Committee Meeting held on 17 February 2020, are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Outcome of the Meeting held 24 August 2020

The recommendation was moved Ms Felicity Farnell, seconded Ms Helena Sahn.

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 17 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 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 Status Update

File Ref	COB/523
Applicant/Proponent:	Internal Report
Responsible Officer:	Carol McDowall, Senior International Engagement Officer
Responsible Manager:	Felicity Anderson, Manager City Growth
Executive:	Gary Barbour, Director Sustainable Communities
Authority/Discretion	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Executive/Strategic <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi-Judicial <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Purposes
Attachments:	

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the committee on the activities of the International Engagement office.

Executive Recommendation

That the International Relations Committee note the activities.

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.

Theme 1: Our Community and Culture
Goal A safe, healthy and cohesive community, with a rich cultural life, and supportive social environment
Objective 1.4 Arts, culture, heritage and events that enrich our understanding and enjoyment of life, celebrate our identity and bring the community together.

Regional Impact Statement

There is no regional impact associated with this report

Background

In March 2020 all Council Committee meetings were suspended due to COVID19 restrictions. At the same time, events and delegations (both incoming and outgoing stopped). Since that time there has been limited activity at the City of Bunbury in relation the International Engagement until recently.

Council Policy Compliance

Not applicable

Legislative Compliance

Not applicable

Officer Comments

The effects of COVID19 have been severe on the International Engagement team. That being said, there is still quite a bit of activity in this area and interest in the community. We are moving forward with our programs and with our partners overseas. Bunbury remains committed to our international relationships.

Japan

- The **2020 Tokyo Talent Tour** was cancelled on 4 March 2020 in line with the Western Australian Minister for Education and Training announcement that all school-related international travel was not to proceed until further notice.
- **Japan Club 2020** Families that were interested in the Tokyo Talent Tour 2020 were invited to join the Japan Club 2020 after the tour was cancelled. Members receive a monthly mailout from Bunbury Sister & Friendship Cities. Mailouts have included donations from The Japan Foundation, The Japanese Consulate General in Perth, and the Hyogo Prefectural Centre.
- **Bunbury- Setagaya Sister Cities and the City of Bunbury Unleashed** program have joined forces to run an excursion to Perth during the September school holiday where up to 20 Bunbury kids can experience elements of Japan. The students will depart early morning 30 September. They will experience a morning of Taiko drumming and Japanese martial arts at Perth Modern School before breaking for a Japanese lunch. The afternoon will be spent at the Japanese Garden at Perth Zoo for a tea ceremony and then some free time at the zoo before heading back to Bunbury.
- **SW Festival of Japan** – the third annual SW Festival of Japan will be held over 10 days from 4 to 12 September. The festival will incorporate the Japanese Film Festival Satellite, the CBD Stamp Rally, two hanami day picnics at the Stirling Street Arts Centre, numerous workshops and performances, market stalls and several virtual workshops/talks held throughout the week.
- **The Japanese Film Festival Satellite** – is being held in conjunction with the SW Festival of Japan. Three films will be screened in the Cube Theatre at BREC on Friday 4 September, Saturday 5 September and Saturday 12 September. The Deputy Consul General of Japan in Perth will open the festival on Friday the 4th. This film festival is funded by The Japan Foundation, Sydney.

China

- China 2020 Noongar Art Exchange – delivery of completed artwork was due 18 August. Submitted works will be judged by an independent panel. Twenty artworks will be selected to be acquired (\$500 each) and sent to China as a celebration of the twenty-year relationship between our two cities.
- 20th Anniversary celebrations – are still under discussion with Jiaxing.

- South West China Business Office – the office has been given a grant to deliver workshops on Chinese social media. The next one will be held at the BGCCI on 22 September 2020 at 11:30am.
- Helena Sahm – will be opening her exhibition based around her time in Zhejiang province (Shanghai, Jiaxing and Hangzhou) on 15 January 2021 at Bunbury Regional Art Gallery.
- International Students Steering Committee – the first International Students Mayoral welcome was held on 12 March 2020. Students from ECU, SR TAFE and Kingston International College all attended. On 29 July an International Student Gathering was held at the Council Function Room where students met the Mayor and then took a tour of the Bunbury Regional Art Gallery. The third gathering will be at the Christmas in the City Parade where the international students will be invited to be a part of the parade along with Bunbury Sister & Friendship Cities.

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

Not applicable

Applicant Consultation

Not applicable

Timeline: Council Decision Implementation

Not applicable

Outcome of the Meeting held 24 August 2020

The recommendation (as printed) was moved by Valda Smith, 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

That the International Relations Committee note the report tabled by Senior Officer International Engagement

CARRIED

8 votes "for" / Nil votes "against"

Pauline Vukelic entered the meeting at 4.10pm.

11. Applications for Leave of Absence

Not applicable to this committee.

12. Questions from Members

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 meeting of the International Relations Committee will be held 19 October 2020.

15. Close of Meeting

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 4:15pm.