



International Relations Committee

Notice of Meeting & Agenda 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We are one teamWe keep each other safeWe display empathy and respectWe have fun and celebrate our successesWe work together to achieve great outcomes
WE ARE OPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We are open to opportunitiesWe actively listen and think things throughWe are inclusive and treat everyone equallyWe are honest and open in our communicationsWe are open to feedback to improve our performance
WE ARE BRAVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We lead the change, we own itWe trust and empower each otherWe have the difficult conversations earlyWe hold ourselves to the highest standardWe have the courage to improve and simplify

International Relations Committee Meeting Notice of Meeting

Dear Committee Members

The next Ordinary Meeting of the International Relations Committee will be held in the *Ocean Room*, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury on 24 August 2020 at 4:00pm.



Signed:

Gary Barbour

Director Sustainable Communities

Agenda

24 August 2020

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.

Committee Members:

Member Name	Representing
Cr Todd Brown	Council Representative
Cr Tresslyn Smith	Council Representative
Felicity Farnell	Community Representative
Valda Smith	Community Representative
Paul Springate	Community Representative
Pauline Vukelic	Community Representative
Janice Platt	Community Representative
Shamara Williams	Community Representative
Jodie Donnelly	Community Representative
Helena Sahn	Community Representative
Brooke Gray	Community Representative
Jacqueline Sharp	Community Representative
John Taylor	Community Representative

Ex-officio Members (non-voting):

Member Name	Representing
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 International Engagement Officer
Gary Barbour	Director, Sustainable Communities
Felicity Anderson	Manager Economic Development and Property
Kylie Tucker	International Engagement Officer

1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at _____am.

2. Disclaimer

Not applicable to this committee.

3. Announcements from the Presiding Member

4. Attendances

4.1 Apologies

4.2 Approved Leave of Absence

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

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.

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 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.

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.

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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.

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

No questions had been received at time of printing.

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 _____.