

International Relations Committee

Minutes

16 August 2021

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

Cr Tresslyn Smith was the Presiding Member. Cr Smith declared the meeting open at 4:01PM.

2. Disclaimer

Not applicable to this committee.

3. Announcements from the Presiding Member

Cr Smith announced that the Agenda Item put to Council 10 August 2021 to move the International Relations Committee to an advisory/steering group was rejected and that the International Relations Committee would remain a Committee of Council past 16 October 2021.

Cr Brown requested through the chair, that the Committee be advised anytime throughout the meeting, the Committee can vote to suspend standing orders, should the Committee need to discuss items outside of the agenda.

4. Attendances

Committee Members:

Member Name	Representing
Cr Tresslyn Smith	Presiding Member
Cr Todd Brown	Councillor
Valda Smith	Community Representative
Shamara Williams	Community Representative
Helena Sahn	Community Representative
Brooke Gray	Community Representative

Support Staff:

Name	Title
Kristen Anderson	Team Leader Economic Development
Kylie Tucker	International Engagement Officer

4.1 Apologies

Mr Paul Springate, Mr John Taylor, Mrs Felicity Farnell, Ms Lyn Farrell, Ms Pauline Vukelic, Mr Gary Barbour and Mrs Felicity Anderson were apologies for the meeting.

4.2 Approved Leave of Absence

Mrs Janice Platt

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.

Nil

6. Public Question Time

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the International Relations Committee Meeting held 1 July 2021 have been circulated.

Recommendation

The Minutes of the International Relations Committee Meeting held 1 July 2021, are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Outcome of the Meeting held 16 August 2021

The recommendation was moved Mrs Valda Smith, seconded Ms Brooke Gray.

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 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 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 Update on Activities of International Engagement Department

File Ref:	COB/523
Applicant/Proponent:	Internal Report
Responsible Officer:	Kristen Anderson, Team Leader Economic Development
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:	Appendix 1: International Relations Committee Update August 2021

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 activity as **attached** at Appendix 1.

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 with this report.

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 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 in the report.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

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

Community Consultation

Nil

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Not applicable.

Applicant Consultation

Not applicable.

Timeline: Council Decision Implementation

Not applicable.

Outcome of the Meeting held 16 August 2021

The recommendation (as printed) was moved by Ms Brooke Gray, seconded Mrs Valda Smith.

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 tabled by

CARRIED

6 votes "for" / Nil votes "against"

11. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

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

Committee wants to be informed of the process to renominate for the 2021 – 2023 International Relations Committee.


14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the International Relations Committee will be held once a new Committee has been appointed.

15. Close of Meeting

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 4.15PM

Confirmed this day, 21 March 2022 to be a true and correct record of proceedings of the City of Bunbury Council Meeting held 16 August 2021.



Cr Tresslyn Smith
Presiding Member