

International Relations Committee

Notice of Meeting and Agenda 4 September 2023

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 the land, the Noongar Wardandi people and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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

International Relations Committee Notice of Meeting

Dear Committee Members

The next Ordinary Meeting of the International Relations Committee (IRC) will be held in the Ocean Room at the City of Bunbury Administration Building, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury, on Monday, 4 September 2023 at 4:00 PM.



Signed:

Felicity Anderson

Manager, City Growth

Date of Issue: 29 August 2023

Agenda

4 September 2023

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 Tresslyn Smith	Council Representative
Cr Gabi Ghasseb	Council Representative
Felicity Farnell	Community Representative
Valda Smith	Community Representative
Paul Springate	Community Representative
Pauline Vukelic	Community Representative
Brooke Gray	Community Representative
Nicolas Pozniakov	Community Representative
Carol McDowall	Community Representative

Ex-officio Members (non-voting):

Member Name	Title
Tony Fletcher	South West Development Commission Representative
Elizabeth Fu	Edith Cowan University SW Campus Representative

Support Staff:

Name	Title
Qing Ye	Economic Development Officer
Gary Thompson	Team Leader, Community Partnerships

1. Declaration of Opening

The Cr Tresslyn Smith declared the meeting open at _____ pm.

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 <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

7. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the International Relations Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2023 have been circulated.

Recommendation

The Minutes of the International Relations Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2023, are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8. Petitions, Presentations and Deputations

8.1. Petitions

8.2. Deputations

9. Method of Dealing with Agenda Business

Items are dealt with in the order that they appear.

10. Reports

10.1 International Relations Committee – Update on International Engagement Programs, September 2023

File Ref:	COB/523		
Applicant/Proponent:	Internal Report		
Responsible Officer:	Qing Ye, International Engagement Officer		
Responsible Manager:	Elizabeth Denniss, Manager Community Connection		
Executive:	Gary Barbour, Director Sustainable Communities		
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

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the activities of the International Engagement Office.

Executive Recommendation

That the International Relations Committee:

Note the information contained within this Report.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Strategic Relevance

Pillar	Prosperity
Aspiration	A strong and diversified economy
Outcome 10.	The premier city of regional Western Australia
Objective 10.1	Build awareness and recognition that Bunbury is a great place in which to live, work, study, holiday, play and invest.

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.

Council Policy Compliance

There is no Council Policy applicable to this Report.

Legislative Compliance

Local Government Act 1995

Officer Comments

Communication with our Sister and Friendship Cities partners continues as well as local events, activities, and programs:

Japan

- **South West Festival of Japan:** The City of Bunbury is the Platinum sponsor for the event, and the International Engagement Office will be a stallholder on Matsuri Day.
- **Biennial Photo Exchange:** This year the photo exhibition will be hosted at the Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre from 23 Sep to 29 Oct 2023. All International Relations Committee members are invited to participate in the Open Ceremony on Saturday, 23 Sep 2023.
- **Junior High School student visit from Setagaya:** All the International Relations Committee members are invited to participate in the welcome ceremony on Monday afternoon, 11 Sep 2023.
- **Goodwill Student Exchange:** Bunbury will welcome the goodwill student delegation from Setagaya on 3 – 8 Nov 2023.

China

- **Online Emerging Entrepreneurs Dialogue:** The City of Bunbury International Engagement Office connected the Bunbury Geographe Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BGCCI) to the Jiaxing Association of Young Entrepreneurs and Jiaxing Friendship Association with Foreign Countries for a Preliminary Discussion on 16 Aug 2023. The City of Bunbury International Engagement Office will be an advocate and connector for the following engagements between BGCCI and its counterpart organisations in Jiaxing.

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

11. Applications for Leave of Absence

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 the time of printing.

13. Urgent Business

Nil

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 Cr Tresslyn Smith closed the meeting at _____.