

International Relations Committee

This Group reports to: City of Bunbury

Purpose

To provide advice and support in the ongoing development of relationships and strategic opportunities with Setagaya, Japan, Jiaxing, China and Nha Trang, Vietnam.

Committee Members (voting)

Councillor Todd Brown

Councillor Parthasarathy Ramesh

Community Members (voting)

Mrs Felicity Farnell

Mrs Valda Smith

Mrs Jenny Byatt

Ms Helena Sahn

Mr David Bailey

Mr Mark Viskovich

Ms Julie Xiong

Mr William Bourne

Ex-officio Members (non-voting)

One member from the South West Development Commission

One member from Edith Cowan University South West Campus

One member from TBC

*All other Elected Members are deputy members in accordance with s.5.11A *Local Government Act 1995*

Quorum requirements

As per LGA following the 2021 elections, until recommended otherwise by Committee and approved by Council

Support Staff

Professional/Technical Advice:

- International Engagement Officer

Executive Officer:

- Director Sustainable Communities

Nominated Budget Officer

- Director Sustainable Communities

Term of Office

The Committee will need to be formally re-appointed by Council following Election Day in October 2025.

Terms of Reference *(Reviewed by the International Relations Committee 23/02/2019 – no changes recommended as adopted 04/08/15. Decision 280/15)*

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 counter parts;
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.

Committee Membership Composition

- Two (2) elected members
- Nine (9) community members
- Three (3) ex-officio roles