



AGENDA

Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting Monday, 4 November 2024

Date Monday, 4 November 2024

Time 11am

Location Meeting Room 2
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru

File Reference 1716003

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Sister Cities Subcommittee will be held in Meeting Room 2, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Monday 4 November 2024, at 11am.

Sister Cities Subcommittee Members

Barrie Suter (Chairperson), Mayor Nigel Bowen, Deputy Mayor Scott Shannon, Chairperson Community Services Committee Clr Stacey Scott, Chief Executive Venture Timaru Nigel Davenport

Quorum – no less than 2 members

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Subcommittee members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Nigel Bowen
Mayor

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- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**
- 3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**
- 4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting held on 10 September 2024

Author: Alesia Cahill, Executive Support Manager

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting held on 10 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting held on 10 September 2024**



MINUTES

Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting Tuesday, 10 September 2024

Ref: 1716003

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting
Held in the Meeting Room 2, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Tuesday, 10 September 2024 at 11am**

Present: Barrie Suter (Chairperson), Mayor Nigel Bowen, Nigel Davenport, Stacey Scott

In Attendance: Alesia Cahill (Executive Support Manager)

1 Apologies

Apology

Resolution 2024/31

Moved: Barrie Suter

Seconded: Cllr Stacey Scott

That the apologies received from Cllr Scott Shannon, Jess Hurst (Community Development Advisor) and Kerri Doy (Education South Canterbury) be noted and accepted.

Carried

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes**5.1 Minutes of the Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting held on 6 May 2024****Motion**

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Nigel Davenport

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Sister Cities Subcommittee Meeting held on 6 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

6 Reports**6.1 Sister Cities Exchanges****1 2024 Sister Cities Exchanges****2.1 and 2.2 Eniwa Exchanges:**

Nigel Davenport provided a verbal update with photos on the recent Eniwa exchange that he chaperoned. The three students represented the Timaru District really well. The renewable energy facility was very interesting (state of the art) and owned by the Council. It was noted that it may be a great learning opportunity to send an Officer in 2025 to see the infrastructure first hand. Nigel explained that Eniwa are very advanced in some areas in comparison to us. The aging population is a concern for Eniwa and Japan and it will be interesting to watch how they managing this going forward. Eniwa are heavily impacted by Climate Change with traditional 3 months of heavy snow through winter regularly extending to 5 months whilst summers are noticeably 2-3 degrees hotter on average.. The tourism aspect in Hokkaido is a positive opportunity for their economy as the people historically haven't travelled but are now starting to. Youth unemployment is an issue as a lot of their young people leave Eniwa.

The Subcommittee discussed the age of the students that travel to Timaru and that a request should be sent to Eniwa asking that all the students travelling be High School aged Year 10 – 13).

Nigel Davenport can potentially home host Eniwa Chaperone Kyo, during the 2025 Eniwa visit in March.

ACTION: Alesia and Barrie to establish a schedule for the 2025 Timaru to Eniwa Exchange.

2.3 Orange, New South Wales Exchange:

ACTION: Mayor to speak with the Officers that travelled to Orange in 2023 to discuss if they feel that there is value sending a Council Officer in 2025. Subcommittee to do some research on Orange to see any touch points.

It was discussed by the Subcommittee if it would be appropriate for a Subcommittee member to travel to Orange in 2025.

Recommendation

To update the Sister Cities Subcommittee on the recent International Exchanges.

6.2 Budget

- 1 Update the Subcommittee on the Sister Cities funds.

The Subcommittee agreed that the contribution remain at \$1,000 to each student travelling to Eniwa for the exchange. This contribution will go towards their airfares. The Sister Cities budget will also pay for full comprehensive insurance for each student.

Recommendation

To update the Sister Cities Subcommittee of the available budget.

6.3 General Business

- 1 General Business

Weihai:

2017 was the last formal relations with Weihai.

It would be valuable to reach out to Dunedin and Palmerston North Councils to discuss their Sister Cities interactions. Palmerston North is very engaged with their Sister Cities.

Economic Development Conference is in Dunedin in October and could be an opportunity to meet with Dunedin on this.

ACTION: Nigel Davenport to speak to his contacts regarding Sister Cities relationships.

Recommendation

To discuss General Business

7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items were considered matters of Urgent Business

8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No items were considered matters of Minor Nature

The meeting closed at 11.58am.

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Chairperson

6 Reports

6.1 Sister Cities Exchanges

Author: Alesia Cahill, Executive Support Manager

Authoriser: Nigel Bowen, Mayor

Recommendation

To update the Sister Cities Subcommittee on the 2025 International Exchanges.

Purpose of Report

- 1 2025 Sister Cities Exchanges

Assessment of Significance

- 2 International Exchanges

2.1 Eniwa, Japan to Timaru

Eniwa group travelling to Timaru for their 2025 exchange on:

Students: 15 March 2025, returning 4 April 2025

Chaperone: 15 March 2025, returning 25 March 2025

Three female students are travelling to Timaru, aged 16, 15 and 12 years.

Homestays to be discussed at meeting and itinerary for Chaperone.

2.2 Timaru to Eniwa, Japan

One application received to date. Application close off date is 15 November 2024.

Shortlist discussion meeting scheduled for 18 November 2024.

Kerri to send an exchange reminder to all schools.

2.3 Orange, New South Wales

No update.

Attachments

1. Flight schedule for Eniwa Students for 2025 exchange
2. Itinerary for Eniwa Chaperone 2025

Flight Schedule

Departure and arrival times are local times.

【Student itinerary 3/15~4/4】

3/15 (Sat)

1 : 00 pm - 2 : 40 pm New Chitose-Haneda ※JL510

3/15 (Sat) -3/16 (Sun)

6 : 25 pm - 6 : 20 am Haneda-Sydney ※JL051

3/16 (Sun)

10 : 20 am - 3 : 30 pm Sydney-Christchurch ※QF137

4/4 (Fri)

6 : 00 am - 7 : 35 am Christchurch -Sydney ※QF138

9 : 15 am - 5 : 05 pm Sydney-Haneda ※JL052

8 : 40 pm - 10 : 15 pm Haneda - New Chitose ※JL531

【Attendant itinerary 3/15~3/25】 Kyo Kushibiki

3/15 (Sat)

1 : 00 pm - 2 : 40 pm New Chitose-Haneda ※JL510

3/15 (Sat) -3/16 (Sun)

6 : 25 pm - 6 : 20 am Haneda-Sydney ※JL051

3/16 (Sun)

10 : 20 am - 3 : 30 pm Sydney-Christchurch ※QF137

3/25 (Tue)

6 : 00 am - 7 : 30 am Christchurch -Sydney ※QF138

9 : 15 am - 4 : 55 pm Sydney-Haneda ※JL052

8 : 40 pm - 10 : 15 pm Haneda - New Chitose ※JL531

2025 Itinerary for Eniwa Chaperone
2025 March 15 (Sat) ~25 (Tue)

Date	Time		Memo
3/15 (Sat)		New Chitose Airport (1:00pm) →Haneda Airport (2:40pm) JAL510 Haneda Airport (6:25pm) →Sydney Airport (3/16 6:20am) JAL051	
3/16 (Sun)		Sydney Airport (10:20am) →Christchurch Airport (3:30pm) QFA137 Move to Timaru with Sister city committee Meet with host families	Homestay
3/17 (Mon)			Homestay
3/18 (Tue)			Homestay
3/19 (Wed)			Homestay
3/20 (Thu)			Homestay
3/21 (Fri)			Homestay
3/22 (Sat)			Homestay
3/23 (Sun)		Stay at a hotel in Christchurch ※I will move to Christchurch by bus	Hotel
3/24 (Mon)		Stay at a hotel in Christchurch	Hotel
3/25 (Tue)		Go back to Japan Christchurch Airport (6:00am) →Sydney Airport (7:30am) QFA138 Sydney Airport (9:15am) →Haneda Airport(4:55pm) JAL052 Haneda Airport (8:40pm) →New Chitose Airport (10:15pm) JAL531	

**If you cannot obtain a Homestay for 16-22 March, please let me know.
I will book hotel instead.**

6.2 General Business

Author: Alesia Cahill, Executive Support Manager

Authoriser: Nigel Bowen, Mayor

Recommendation

To discuss General Business

Purpose of Report

- 1 General Business

Assessment of Significance

- 2 No items of business raised at time of writing report.

Attachments

Nil

7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters