



EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

6 DECEMBER 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING** of **ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 6 December 2022**.

David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Employment and Economic Development Policy Committee at this meeting.

2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 29 NOVEMBER 2022

RECORD NUMBER: 2022/2437

AUTHOR: Allan Reeder, Communications Lead

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sister Cities Community Committee met 29 November, 2022. The Minutes of the committee are provided for the information and consideration of Council.

LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “4.1. Engage with the community to ensure creative and cultural facilities and services meet changing needs”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Sister Cities Community Committee at its meeting held on 29 November 2022.**
- 2 That the minutes of the Sister Cities Community Committee at its meeting held on 29 November 2022 be adopted.**

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the recommendation’s impact on Council’s service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 SSSC Minutes 29 October 2022
- 2 SSSC Agenda 29 November 2022, D22/76641 [↓](#)
- 3 SSSC Action Plan, D22/43469 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 29 NOVEMBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 10.30AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr Kevin Duffy (Chairperson), Mr Douglas Brooks, Mr Graham Bloore, Communications Lead (Mr Allan Reeder)

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED	Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks
That the apologies be accepted from Cr J Hamling for the Sister Cities Community Committee meeting on 29 November 2022.	

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED	Mr D Brooks/Mr G Bloore
That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sister Cities Community Committee held on 26 July 2022 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Sister Cities Community Committee meeting held on 26 July 2022.	

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 UPDATE ON USHIKU, JAPAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2364

The annual Japanese Speaking Contest will be held 1 December. The event will be held in the Orange Regional Gallery from 4pm.

An exchange visit to Orange is being planned for 26th of Feb to 13th of March, next year when 20 students and 3 teachers from Ushiku Eishin High School will visit Orange. A civic reception is being planned for Tuesday 28th February.

Ushiku City Council are continuing to plan for a visit by the Mayor and a number of local citizens to Orange next year. They have looked at a number of alternative dates in recent months. The latest dates are May 12 to May 16, 2023.

Council staff completed an online survey conducted by academics from RMIT university who are conducting a study into Australia-Japan sister city relationships. This project is sponsored by the Australia-Japan Foundation and supported by Sister City Australia. This research aims to identify and promote Australia-Japan local government collaborative practices.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks

That the report on Ushiku be noted.

3.2 UPDATE ON TIMARU, NEW ZEALAND

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2366

In discussion with Timaru Council, staff have begun the process of re-activating plans for a staff exchange next year. Timaru has nominated two Timaru staff members to visit Orange in March/April next year, as the first leg of a reciprocal visit.

Staff also made contact with Timaru, about plans by the Mayor to visit as part of a family holiday to New Zealand. Those plans are currently on-hold pending family arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr D Brooks/Mr G Bloore

1. That staff contact local sporting organisations in the new year to ascertain interest in touring teams to Timaru.
2. That the report on Timaru be noted.

3.3 UPDATE ON MT HAGEN, PNG

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2365

An email has been sent to the former contact at Mt Hagen District Council, Mr Wak Kewa, seeking advice on how to re-establish links.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks

That the report on Mt Hagen be noted.

3.4 UPDATE ON CITY OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, USA

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2367

Mr Doug Brooks has provided a report (*attached*) on his recent personal visit to the City of Orange, California.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks

1. That staff write a letter of thanks to Mr Denis Bilodeau at City of Orange California, thanking him for his recent hospitality and seeking his advice on renewing the Sister City program.
2. That the report on City of Orange, California be noted.

4 GENERAL REPORTS

4.1 REQUEST FOR NEW 'FRIENDSHIP CITY' IN UKRAINE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2370

RECOMMENDATION

Mr D Brooks/Mr G Bloore

1. That staff make contact with Orange residents involved in the recent resettlement program, seeking a response to the Friendship City suggestion from the Ukrainian community.
2. That investigations begin into establishing a Ukrainian Friendship City relationship with Orange and a report with options be brought back to the next Sister Cities Committee meeting.

4.2 ACTION LIST - SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/2369

RECOMMENDATION

Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks

That the Action List for the Sister Cities Community Committee be reviewed and updated.

THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD IN MARCH 2023, OR PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF THE MAYOR OF USHIKU.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.15 AM.



SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

29 NOVEMBER 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** on **Tuesday, 29 November 2022** commencing at **10.30AM**.

David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Allan Reeder on 6393 8217.

SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

29 NOVEMBER 2022

AGENDA**EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In the event of an emergency, the building may be evacuated. You will be required to vacate the building. The Committee Clerk will now identify the emergency muster point.

Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to re-enter the building until the all clear has been given and the area deemed safe by authorised personnel.

In the event of an evacuation, a member of Council staff will assist any member of the public with a disability to vacate the building.

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SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**29 NOVEMBER 2022**

1 INTRODUCTION**MEMBERS**

Cr Kevin Duffy (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Mr Chris Gryllis, Mr Douglas Brooks, Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Manager Communications & Engagement, Communications Lead

1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

1.3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION**

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ATTACHMENTS

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MINUTES OF THE

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HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 26 JULY 2022

COMMENCING AT 10:30AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr K Duffy (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Mr Chris Gryllis, Mr Douglas Brooks, Mr Graeme Bloore, Manager Community and Engagement, Communications Lead

Cr Hamling (Mayor) assumed the role of the Chairperson until the Chairperson was elected

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

Nil.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

Mr G Bloore/Cr J Hamling

That Cr Kevin Duffy be elected chairperson of the Sister Cities Community Committee.

Cr Duffy assumed the role of the Chair after election

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 UPDATE ON USHIKU, JAPAN

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1416

Several events are in train as part of the Sister City Relationship with Ushiku.

Earlier this year, the Office of the Mayor of Ushiku proposed dates in November 2022 for a visit to Orange. In mid-July, the office was in touch again to postpone that visit until Spring 2023 due to COVID and higher than expected travel costs.

MINUTES OF SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**26 JULY 2022**

A date has been set for the staging of the Ushiku Cup Japanese Speech Contest.

It will be held Thursday, 1 December 2022, 4-6.30pm Orange time, 2-4.30pm Ushiku time.

Restoration work has begun on the 'The Statue of Empathy', a gift of the city of Ushiku in 1994 which has stood at the entrance to the Civic Theatre. The statue is the work of renowned Japanese artist, Kunihiko Isshiki. The work is being undertaken by a professional art conservation firm, in Sydney.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks**

1. That Council write to the Mayor of Ushiku, outlining the recent flag-raising ceremony in Orange following the death of former PM Shinzo Abe.
2. That email contact be made with staff at each Sister City, offering the monthly Council-e-news and a link to the events calendar.
3. That the report on the update on Ushiku, Japan be noted.

3.2 UPDATE OF MT HAGEN, PNG

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1418

Mr Chris Gryllis gave a verbal report on civil unrest in the Mt Hagen area, following the recent national election. Former Council contact Wak Kiwa has moved to work for a different government agency.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks**

1. That staff attempt to establish a new staff contact with Mt Hagen District Council.
2. That the report on the update of Mt Hagen, PNG be noted.

3.3 UPDATE ON TIMARU, NEW ZEALAND

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1419

There were plans for a staff exchange in March 2020, with Council staff from Timaru to visit Orange in March 2020. The visit was cancelled due to COVID. The intention was to broaden the scope of any return visit to include interested community members from Orange. A possible Mayoral visit to Timaru in 2023 was also discussed.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr C Gryllis/Mr D Brooks**

1. That staff make contact with Timaru Council to refresh plans for their staff visit.
2. That the report on the update on Timaru, New Zealand be noted.

3.4 UPDATE ON CITY OF ORANGE CALIFORNIA, USA

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1417

A 'Letter of Introduction' has been provided to committee member Douglas Brooks, for use during his private visit to the City of Orange, California, USA in August 2022.

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Bloore/Mr C Gryllis**

That the report on the update on City of Orange California, USA be noted.

MINUTES OF SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**26 JULY 2022****4 GENERAL REPORTS****4.1 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1431

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks**

That the Sister Cities Community Committee acknowledge the requirements set by the Code of Meeting Practice and commit to conduct meetings in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

4.2 CODE OF CONDUCT - SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1430

RECOMMENDATION**Mr C Gryllis/Mr D Brooks**

That the Sister Cities Community Committee acknowledge the requirements set by the Code of Conduct, and members commit to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times while on Committee/Council business.

4.3 COMMITTEE CHARTER - SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1429

RECOMMENDATION**Mr D Brooks/Mr C Gryllis**

That the Charter for the Sister Cities Community Committee be adopted.

4.4 MEETING DATES AND TIMES - SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1432

RECOMMENDATION**Mr C Gryllis/Mr G Bloore**

That the Sister Cities Community Committee hold meetings every six months, or as required. That meetings be held at 10.30am on Tuesdays or Thursdays. That the next meeting be held in November 2022.

4.5 ACTION LIST - SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1420

RECOMMENDATION**Mr G Bloore/Mr D Brooks**

That the Action List for the Sister Cities Community Committee be updated by adding new items.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.02 AM.

SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**29 NOVEMBER 2022**

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Sister City Cttee member Doug Brooks - Report on visit to Orange California, IC22/34775

