

# International Engagement



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## Purpose

To affirm Campaspe Shire Council's ('Council') role in international engagement and guide decision making in managing delegations and determining which international visits are appropriate for Council representatives to attend and/or host while maintaining current Sister City/Friendship relationships.

## Policy Statement

International relationships provide the opportunity to contribute to the diversity and cultural richness of the community. Further, these relationships enhance economic productivity and growth through support of tourism and major events, attracting skilled migration, fostering creativity in industries and increasing the capacity for new ideas, transfer of knowledge, skills and technology and provision of opportunities and access to international markets for trade in many industry sectors.

### 1. Current International Sister City/Friendship Agreements

All relationships should have a focus on cultural exchange and learning and create opportunities for local business.

#### SHIROI, JAPAN

Council will host a delegation from Shiroy every second year (even years), including the provision of home hosts and a program of activities.

A community delegation led by a Councillor and Council Manager will visit Shiroy of each alternate year (odd years).

Council will meet the costs of two representatives, one Councillor and one officer. If more than one Councillor elects to join the delegation, the Councillors may choose to share Council's contribution allocated for Councillor travel.

Costs met include: air fare, departure taxes, travel insurance and any other costs incurred which relate to Council representation

Partners, if travelling, are to meet their own travel expenses.

Delegates will be home hosted and all meals will be provided by the host family or the Shiroy City Council.

Community members will meet their own travel expenses.

#### SHANGRI LA, CHINA

On occasion Council is invited to participate in trade and promotional activities in Shangri La.

Council will meet the cost of two representatives, one Councillor and one officer. If more than one Councillor elects to join the visit, the Councillors may choose to share Council's contribution allocated for Councillor travel.

Partners, if travelling, are to meet their own travel expenses.

Costs met include: air fare, departure taxes, travel insurance, accommodation and any other costs incurred which relate to Council representation.

Community members will meet their own travel expenses.

**EAST TIMOR – TIMOR LESTE**

Campaspe East Timor Association Friendship group ('CETAF'). Council will provide an annual contribution towards CETAF's operations.

At present no delegations from Council travel to Timor Leste.

**2. International Delegations, Business visits and Trade Expos**

The following criteria will be considered by Council when determining if Council should participate in and/or host an international delegation:

- A clear intention of the opportunity has been articulated and there is an understanding of the potential outcomes that can be created as a result of the visit.
- The visit can be accommodated within allocated budget constraints.

**Exclusions**

Nil

**Human Rights**

This policy has considered and complies with the Human Rights and Responsibilities contained in the Victorian Charter of *Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

**Definitions**

Nil

**Related Legislation**

Nil

**Related Policies, Procedures and Strategies**

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil

**Review Period Responsible Officer**

Four years

General Manager Economic & Community Development

**Administrative Updates**

It is recognised that, from time to time, circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document. Where an update does not materially alter the policy, such a change may be made administratively. Examples include a change to the name of a Council department, a change to the name of a Federal or State Government department, and a minor update to legislation which does not have a material impact. However, any change or update which materially alters this document must be by resolution of Council.

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