



ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

11 OCTOBER 2016

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 11 October 2016 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
6 October 2016

Next Meeting Date: 25.10.16

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

The opening prayer to be presented by Pastor Rob Edwards from the Calvary Lutheran Church.

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Stephen Schwarten - Leave of Absence from 13 September 2016 to 14 October 2016.

Councillor Tony Williams has tendered his apology and will not be in attendance.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 September 2016

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 OCTOBER 2016

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting, held on 4 October 2016 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(Note: The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Planning and Regulatory Committee, 4 October 2016**9.1.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

File No:	10097
Attachments:	1. Business Outstanding Table for Planning and Regulatory Committee
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Planning and Regulatory Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Planning and Regulatory Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Planning and Regulatory Committee, 4 October 2016**9.1.2 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE UNIT FOR AUGUST 2016****File No:** 1464**Attachments:**

1. **Monthly Operations Report From Community Standards and Compliance Unit for August 2016**
2. **Traffic Light Report for August 2016**
3. **Financial Matters Report for August 2016**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Steven Gatt - Manager Planning & Regulatory Services

SUMMARY

The monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section as at 31 August 2016 is presented for Councillor's information.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Standards and Compliance Monthly Operations Report for August 2016 be 'received'.

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS**10.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR CHERIE RUTHERFORD
12 TO 22 OCTOBER 2016 INCLUSIVE**

File No: 10072
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cherie Rutherford is seeking leave of absence from Wednesday 12 October 2016 to Saturday 22 October 2016 inclusive.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cherie Rutherford be granted leave of absence from Wednesday 12 October 2016 to Saturday 22 October 2016 inclusive.

BACKGROUND

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cherie Rutherford has advised the Chief Executive Officer that she wishes to take leave of absence from Wednesday 12 October 2016 to Saturday 22 October 2016 inclusive.

10.2 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR

File No: 8291
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Damon Morrison - Executive Coordinator to the Mayor

SUMMARY

An Acting Mayor is required to be appointed by Councillors for the period Wednesday 12 October to Thursday 13 October 2016 inclusive.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council appoint Councillor as Acting Mayor for the period 12 October to 13 October 2016 inclusive.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor, Councillor Margaret Strelow is scheduled to be undertaking official Council business in Canberra on 12 October 2016.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cherie Rutherford has sought a leave of absence from Wednesday 12 October 2016 to Saturday 22 October 2016 inclusive.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Section 165(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 provides (inter alia) that:

"If the mayor and deputy mayor are both prevented, by absence, from performing the role of mayor, the local government may, by resolution, appoint an acting mayor from its councillors."

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE AND CHINA

File No:	8308
Attachments:	1. Invitation to attend the '1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair'
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Damon Morrison - Executive Coordinator to the Mayor

SUMMARY

This report details a proposal relating to opportunities that exist for Council to strengthen existing relations it has developed in Singapore and for new connections to be established in China.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves a delegation consisting of Mayor, Councillor, the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Executive for Trade and Investment and the Executive Coordinator to the Mayor to visit Singapore and China from 23 November to 29 November 2016.

COMMENTARY

Objectives

The primary aims of the proposed visit to the Republic of Singapore and People's Republic of China are to:

- Strengthen existing relationships with the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Singaporean Armed Forces to promote investment opportunities under the Australia-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP);
- Build connections, seek out, establish and develop new and existing opportunities with organisations and businesses in the Republic of Singapore and the People's Republic of China; and
- Promote Rockhampton and the capabilities, products and services of the regions export ready businesses and institutions.

Target Industry Sectors

Target industry sectors include:

- Defence (including Aviation and Airport)
- Infrastructure investment opportunities
- International education and tourism
- Agricultural trade and investment opportunities
- Natural resources and mining sector opportunities
- Business and skilled migration for lifestyle and jobs (both creation and employment)

Proposed Outbound Delegation

In light of the background described below, it is proposed that the Council approve that the Mayor and another Councillor travel to Singapore and China to represent the interests of Council and the region.

Furthermore, it is considered that in light of the significance of the visits, it is appropriate that the Chief Executive Officer is part of the delegation.

Additional support to the delegation from two Council officers with responsibilities in international trade and investment and protocol management is also proposed. These officers will support the Mayor, Councillor and CEO in the provision of advice in attendance at briefings/meetings, logistics, business/economic advice and government liaison throughout the visits, to ensure a professional and culturally appropriate environment.

Proposed Itinerary

A preliminary itinerary has been designed based on discussions with Commonwealth and State Agencies. While the final itinerary is still being negotiated with the Government of the Republic of Singapore, its agencies and the Zhenjiang Foreign Affairs Office the following activities are planned:

- Meetings with:
 - the Singaporean Minister for Defence and Singaporean Armed Forces representatives.
 - the officers at Austrade, DFAT, Tourism and Events Queensland Singapore, Trade and Investment Queensland, and AustCham Singapore.
 - Singaporean Government agencies (Singapore Economic Development Board and International Enterprise Singapore).
 - representatives from Fragrance, Knight Frank Singapore, AustCham Singapore, Wilmar Sugar, Goodman Fielder, Olam International and other relevant companies.
 - representatives from the Singaporean Workforce Development Agency on Continuing Education and Training Masterplan 2020
 - the Chairman of the Board of Yuexing Group Co, Mr Ding Zuohong.
- Attendance at the 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair
- The Mayor will meet with her counterpart in Zhenjiang as well as other business and government leaders, including the Zhenjiang Municipal Education Bureau, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and Jiangsu University.

Representatives of local businesses and education providers involved in actual and potential trade within Singapore and China will be invited to attend the trade mission and 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair to promote and reinforce the region to both markets.

Consultations

Consultations with Austrade, DFAT, Tourism and Events Queensland Singapore, Trade and Investment Queensland, AustCham Singapore, the Governments of the Republic of Singapore and the People's Republic of China has been undertaken to determine the timing and priorities for the proposed international travel.

Options for Consideration

Option A – That (in accordance with the recommendation above) Council resolve to approve international travel in November for a delegation to visit:

- (a) Singapore; and
- (b) Attend at the 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair.

Option B – That Council resolve to approve international travel for a delegation from Council to visit Singapore in November.

Option C – That Council resolve to approve international travel for a delegation from Council to attend the 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair.

Option D – That Council resolve not to approve international travel for a delegation from Council to either Singapore or China.

BACKGROUND**South East Asia Relations**

The Rockhampton region has enjoyed close relations with Singapore focused around military engagement for the past 26 years.

The Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) was signed over a decade ago and on 5 May 2016 the CSP was announced which is designed to significantly deepen economic and defence ties through an expansion of SAFTA. As part of the agreement, Singapore will:

- Invest up to \$2.25 billion upgrading infrastructure in support of Queensland's military training facilities in Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) and Townsville Field Training Area.
- Visit twice a year, instead of annually; and
- Increase troop rotation in Australia from 6,000 to 14,000 for up to 18 weeks a year.

The CSP looks to build on the \$28.5 billion two-way trade between the two countries. Together with the Trans Pacific Partnership, the upgraded SAFTA is designed to further integrate the two economies, securing increased access for Australian and Singaporean businesses and investors.

The increase in visiting defence personnel from Singapore will have significant flow-on effects for the local economy. The strategic location of the Rockhampton Airport to the SWBTA also provides for other opportunities to be explored for infrastructure spending in the Rockhampton region, particularly as it relates to the operations of the Rockhampton Airport.

The Singapore Joint Development Implementation Team Programme Office (SJDIT PO) is the responsible Australian Government entity involved with the implementation of this key defence initiative under the CSP.

The Department of Defence Programme Manager for the SJDIT PO, Brigadier Timothy Bayliss is scheduled to travel to Rockhampton on 28 October 2016 to provide a briefing to Council on the Programme, including the current status of the initiative and estimated timelines for implementation.

During the current 2016 troop rotation to SWBTA, Council have engaged in productive informal discussions with Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, and other Singaporean Defence and Government officials.

Further consultation with senior Government Ministers and Defence officials in Singapore are essential to ensure that the implementation of framework of the CSP includes the consideration of the Rockhampton region for potential investment.

North East Asia Relations

At the Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit in April, the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, Dr. Yongchen Zhao, expressed an interest in strengthening the bilateral relations between China and Central Queensland.

Subsequent to this summit:

- In May, Dr. Zhao travelled to Rockhampton to explore the potential for increased trade and investment opportunities in the beef industry.
- On 10 August 2016, the Mayor received an invitation from the Mayor of Zhenjiang, People's Republic of China, Mr Zhu Xiaoming, to attend the '1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair.'
- Coinciding with Mr Xiaoming's invitation, Council was approached to explore sister city arrangements with the city of Zhenjiang.
- On 2 September 2016, together with the Member for Keppel Ms Briltany Lauga MP, the Mayor of Bundaberg Mr Jack Dempsey and the Mayor of Livingstone Mr Bill Ludwig, the Mayor met with Dr. Zhao and discussed four themes - education, agriculture, investment and tourism.

These recent engagements provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, new investment, people-to-people exchanges, inbound education and knowledge-sharing opportunities between the Rockhampton region and Zhenjiang.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On 10 November 2015, Council resolved to

- (a) formalise its approach to seeking and supporting investment from Asia by developing a specific strategy to this end; and
- (b) engage with both State and Federal Government Agencies to secure support for Asian investment in our region.

On 23 August 2016, Council resolved to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to commence Sister City discussions with the People's Republic of China.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Estimated expenditure for Mayor and Councillor is calculated as follows (per person):

Item	Amount
Airfares (Business Class)	\$4,954.40
Accommodation	\$1,050.00
Transportation Costs	\$100.00
Visa Application Fees	\$131.50
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	\$6,235.90

Council's Policy, 'Expense Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors' states as section 8.3:

'Standard of air travel will be economy class however when Councillors are required to travel on long range international flights the CEO may approve travel other than economy class.'

Estimated Expenditure for the Chief Executive Officer and each Council officer is calculated as follows (per person):

Item	Amount
Airfares (Economy Class)	\$1,947.12
Accommodation	\$1,050.00
Transportation Costs	\$100.00
Visa Application Fees	\$131.50
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	\$3,228.62

The total combined costs of a delegation of five (5) people for airfares, accommodation, transportation, visa application fees, meals, meeting room hire, entertainment and hospitality expenses (including corporate gifts) are estimated at **\$31,143.10** or **\$37,157.66** depending on the class of travel for the Mayor and Councillor.

OR

Item	Amount
Airfares	\$15,750.16
Accommodation	\$5,250.00
Visa Application Fees	\$657.50
Internal Transfers and Meals	\$5,750.00
Mayoral Receptions/Meetings (including meeting room hire and Corporate gifts)	\$9,750.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	\$37,157.66

NOTE: The Zhenjiang Foreign Affairs Office have advised Council that the following expenses will be borne by the Zhenjiang Municipal People's Government:

- transportation from Shanghai to Zhenjiang;
- internal transfers within the city; and
- accommodation in Zhenjiang.

Economies of scale exist from visiting both Singapore and China during the same trip.

The expenditure will be funded within the Office of the CEO's 2016/2017 operational budget.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Health and Safety

Travel advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), obtained on 4 October 2016 for both countries is as follows:

- *"We continue to advise Australians to exercise normal safety precautions in Singapore."*

DFAT's travel advice indicates that there is an ongoing transmission of Zika virus in Singapore. The Communicable Diseases Division of Singapore's Ministry of Health details 398 case of localised Zika virus transmission in the period 14 August to 30 September with only 18 reported cases in the two weeks up to 30 September 2016.

The locations of active Zika clusters in Singapore are outside of the areas the delegation is intended to stay or visit. DFAT recommends all travelers should protect themselves from mosquito bites and defer non-essential travel if pregnant.

- *“We continue to advise Australians to exercise normal safety precautions in China and to exercise a high degree of caution in Tibet and Xinjiang.”*

The proposed itinerary of the delegation does not include travel to either Tibet or Xinjiang.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The proposed visits to the Republic of Singapore and the People’s Republic of China are consistent with Council’s existing Corporate Plan and strategic direction as summarised in its Economic Development Strategy.

CONCLUSION

The Rockhampton Regional Council is committed to playing an active role in the economic development of the region with the longer term aim of stimulating economic growth and employment in the region through ongoing diversification of the region’s economic base.

Council’s economic development function will continue to be supported and enhanced in Council participation in trade missions and fostering existing and developing new sister city engagements.

Singapore is currently Australia’s fifth largest trading partner and China is Australia’s largest trading partner and both will become an increasingly important market for Rockhampton if the region is to diversify its economy. As such, maintaining a strong relationship with Singapore and establishing a connection with Zhenjiang will position businesses in the region to establish successful trade relationships in Singapore and China.

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE AND CHINA

**Invitation to attend the '1st China
(Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon
Technologies / Products Trade Fair'**

Meeting Date: 11 October 2016

Attachment No: 1

镇江市人民政府

Invitation

August 10, 2016

Distinguished Mayor of Rockhampton,

I would like to deliver my heartfelt greetings to you from far away Zhenjiang, China. Since being selected as one of the national low-carbon pilot cities in 2012, Zhenjiang has taken solid action in low-carbon endeavour, which has won international recognition.

At the invitation of National Development and Reform Commission, Zhenjiang attended the first China-US Summit on Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities in New York in September, 2015. Later in December of the same year, Zhenjiang, as the only representative from the 42 low-carbon pilot cities in China, presented the world with its own special session at China Pavilion at the 21st United Nations Climate Change Conference. During the session, the *Action Plan on Low-carbon Cooperation* was signed between Zhenjiang and California. Zhenjiang's exemplary efforts to build a low-carbon city has been applauded by the international community.

To further broadcast Zhenjiang's influence on low-carbon development and boost the exchanges of low-carbon expertise and technologies, Zhenjiang Municipal People's Government will hold the 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair from November 28th to 29th in 2016 with the support of China's National Development and Reform Commission, Jiangsu Provincial People's Government, and the Government of California. We aim to build a platform for low-carbon cooperation and application, contributing our due share to environment protection.

We sincerely invite you and enterprises or organizations concerned to join us in our event. Let's work together for closer partnership on environmental issues and for a better world for our posterity!

Look forward to your attention and presence!

Mayor of Zhenjiang: Zhu Xiaoming



Facts about the Fair

The Fair is composed of 2 parts, including:

- Exhibition on low-carbon technologies & products
- Seminar on low-carbon development and technologies

Scope of Major Exhibits covers the following 6 areas:

1. Low-carbon Industry
Low-carbon materials, low-carbon facilities & products, low-carbon manufacturing technologies & techniques, re-manufacturing technologies and so on
2. Low-carbon Energy
Technologies & products utilizing clean energy and renewable energy, including solar energy, geothermal energy, wind energy, biomass energy, marine energy, nuclear energy, hydrogen energy
3. Low-carbon Transport& Eco-building
Energy-efficient materials, facilities and technologies for low-carbon transport, related products & technologies of electric automobiles and rail transport, energy-efficient materials, facilities and technologies for buildings
4. Smart Low-Carbon Technology
Application of the new generation of information technology in building low-carbon cities, technologies and products for inspecting, monitoring and forecasting atmospheric and climate change
5. Low-carbon Recycling
Eco-clean technologies and products for air,water & soil, recycling technologies & products in industrial production
6. Low-carbon Service
Carbon reduction, carbon capture & accounting & sequestration technologies and products, management of carbon assets, carbon credit, development & consulting service for clean development mechanism (CDM) program, green finance and low-carbon financing

Agenda

November 27th, Sunday

All day check-in

18:00 buffet dinner

November 28th, Monday

08:20 city leaders meet VIP guests

09:00 opening ceremony of the 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon
Technologies / Products Trade Fair; after ceremony visit to Fair Hall

12:00 buffet lunch

14:00 low carbon forum

18:00 city government reception

November 29th, Tuesday

All day Low-carbon Trade Fair

Parts of participating guests visit low-carbon programs of Zhenjiang city

November 30th, Wednesday

All day departure

Reply Form

Will you plan to attend the Fair? Yes No

If No, could you please tell us your name and contact ways?

If Yes, could you please fill in the following info.?

Full name	Nationality	Occupation and Employer	Passport No.	Will you hire exhibition pavilion	Will you address on forum	Do you need us arrange accommodation

Please kindly fill in the above form and send by email to tangyuxinxiah@qq.com or by fax to +86 511 84493003 before 10 September, 2016

11.2 SISTER CITY ARRANGEMENTS - ZHENJIANG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

File No:	667
Attachments:	1. Draft Friendship City Agreement 2. Map - Zhenjiang and Surrounding Areas
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Damon Morrison - Executive Coordinator to the Mayor

SUMMARY

At its meeting on 23 August 2016, Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer to commence Sister City discussions with the People's Republic of China. This followed a recent approach from a Chinese city seeking to establish a sister city relationship with Rockhampton. This report outlines the progress that has been made with discussions and to seek a decision from Council whether to pursue this approach further.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council signs a Friendship City Agreement with the Zhenjiang Municipal People's Government, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China.
2. THAT once both cities sign the Friendship City Agreement, a copy of the document will be made available to the public.
3. THAT Council extends an invitation to the Zhenjiang Municipal People's Government for their Mayor to lead a delegation to visit Rockhampton at a mutually convenient time.

COMMENTARY**Approach and Consultations**

In early August, Council was approached to explore sister city arrangements with Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China. The Mayor of Zhenjiang, Mr Zhu Xiaoming extended an invitation to the Mayor to attend the 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair and for the purpose of signing a Friendship City Agreement between the two cities.

Subsequent discussions, enquiries and consultations as authorised by Council have been undertaken with the following parties after this initial approach:

- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Office of the Queensland Minister for Trade and Investment, the Hon Jackie Trad, Deputy Premier
- Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ)
- TIQ Trade Commissioner, Mr Zijian Zhang (based in Shanghai)
- Zhenjiang Municipal People's Government
- Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Brisbane.

The result of these discussions, enquiries and consultations has shown that there are a number of areas of joint opportunity and synergies existing between the two cities that may justify a relationship being formed.

Two-Step Process

The Central Government of the People's Republic of China requires any Chinese city wishing to establish Sister City relations with an overseas counterpart to first enter into a Friendship City Agreement prior to obtaining approval by the Central Government for entering into a formal sister city agreement. Zhenjiang have confirmed that it will be required to enter into a Friendship City Agreement with Rockhampton at first instance, but has maintained its interest in advancing the relationship to sister city status.

In Australia, it is common for local Governments to operate a two-tier level of affiliation with cities and towns seeking Sister City status, with a Friendship City Agreement entered into as a precursor to a subsequent Sister City Agreement. The common justifications for such a process are that friendship city arrangements:

- are less formal with less administrative and financial expectation and outlay whilst meeting short-term needs and supporting programs run by other sections of the community.
- provide both cities an opportunity to explore potential benefits over a shorter time-frame allowing for a strategic review of the relationship to determine if economic, cultural, social, and educational benefits have been achieved which warrant the upgrading of the relationship to a Sister City.

Sister City Relationships and Opportunities

Formal relationships between cities via friendship/sister city connections provide opportunities for the development of personal, cultural, tourism, educational and economic ties between cities.

Given the respective attributes of Rockhampton and Zhenjiang, a number of areas where both cities would be able to collaborate, complement and provide mutual benefits have been identified. These are summarised below and have been incorporated into a draft Friendship City Agreement and expanded upon in any future Sister City Agreement:

- Economic development
- Education
- Tourism
- Sports
- Environment
- Culture / Arts

Three immediate options are available to Council in response to Zhenjiang's invitation:

Option A - Accept the invitation to develop a friendship city relationship;

Option B - Decline the invitation to pursue a sister city relationship;

Option C - Consider a holding response that:

- Acknowledges the approach from Zhenjiang and accepts their invitation to attend the 1st China (Zhenjiang) International Low-carbon Technologies / Products Trade Fair.
- Sends a reciprocal invite for Zhenjiang to visit Rockhampton on a fact finding mission with the prospect of potentially finalising negotiations of a Friendship City Agreement at a later date.

BACKGROUND

Zhenjiang is a city in Jiangsu province, in eastern China. The city has become one of the well-known historic and cultural cities in China with a history dating back some 2,500 years.

Sitting on the southern bank of the Yangtze River, as of 2015 Zhenjiang was home to approximately 3,170,000 people. Zhenjiang encompasses an area of approximately 3,483 km² and enjoys a subtropical climate.

The city is located at an important geographical and strategic position at the intersection of the Yangtze River and the Beijing Hangzhou Grand Canal, the city's harbour is the third-largest on the river. High-speed rail services (e.g. Zhenjiang to Shanghai in 60 minutes) provide excellent links to the three major business centers in the region: Nanjing, Shanghai, and the Yangtze River Delta business area.

In 2015, Zhenjiang's annual GDP was approximately 356 billion RMB (\$69 billion AUD) and it has one of the fastest growing economies in the Yangtze River Delta Region.

Water is one of the city's main resources. Other natural resources include minerals such as copper, iron, zinc, lead, and silver.

Main manufacturing bases in Zhenjiang are as follows:

- Anchor chain;
- High-class art paper;
- Automobile engine blocks; and
- Acetic acid manufacturing.

Primary industry sectors include:

- Machinery/automotive;
- Chemicals;
- Paper making;
- Transportation facilities;
- Food;
- Electro-mechanical;
- Marine equipment;
- Hardware tools;
- High tech;
- Bio-technology;
- New materials;
- Glass; and
- Vinegar.

Agricultural products from Zhenjiang mainly include rice, wheat, cotton, mulberry and fruit.

Zhenjiang is a third-tier city in China well-known for tourism and food (city rankings from 1 to 5, with first tier cities representing the most developed area of the country and the centre of main economic activity – e.g. Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.)

It has two national level development zones, six province-level development zones, five state-level high-tech industrialisation bases and one provincial high-tech zone. These various zones are designed to encourage foreign direct investment and a number of international enterprises have set up production facilities in Zhenjiang.

An example of Zhenjiang's international collaboration is the Sino-Swiss Zhenjiang Ecological Industry Park (SSZEIP) which is the result of a bilateral agreement between the Chinese Ministry of Trade and the Swiss Federal Department of Economic Affairs in the development of an ecological industrial park.

Zhenjiang currently has sister city relationships with a number of countries. It has no current friendship city or sister city relationship with an Australian city.

The Principal of one of primary and secondary school in Rockhampton has advised Council that it is currently seeking a formal relationship with a school in the People's Republic of China. The advice received is that if Council were to enter into a friendship city arrangement with the People's Republic of China that this school would be committed to pursuing a 'sister school' partnership with an appropriate school in Zhenjiang to collaborate for mutual benefit.

Enquiries have revealed that Zhenjiang is home to three major universities and five colleges that could potentially partner with CQ University

One of these Universities is Jiangsu University (JSU), which according to the Evaluations of China's Universities in 2015 by China Academy of Management Science is ranked 55th in all of China (of approximately 2,000 universities in the country.) According to the Times Higher Education, JSU is ranked in the top 1,000 universities in the world (currently 801st) and is ranked in the top 200 Universities in Asia (currently 191-200th.) JSU has signed international cooperation agreements with 87 universities in 30 countries as at June 2015

CQ University has expressed an interest to Council in entering into a cooperation agreement with a University from the People's Republic of China.

Opportunities also exist for potential teacher training programs as well as teacher and research exchanges.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

A funding allocation has been made for the current financial year for sister city relationships.

There are costs associated with arranging attendance at a ceremony in Zhenjiang for the signing of any Friendship City Agreement and any reciprocal visit to Rockhampton by Zhenjiang officials. There would be minimal other expenditure required to service the friendship city relationship during its formative stages (initial 12 months.)

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None specifically arise from this report as Friendship City Agreements are not legally binding.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The consultations Council has undertaken with State and Federal Government agencies have not raised any issues of concern that would cause Council to reject the advances made by Zhenjiang to enter into a friendship city arrangement.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Council engages in a range of international related activities where there is benefit to be derived for the residents of the region. This is consistent with Council's Corporate Plan, strategic direction and is congruent with its Economic Development Strategy.

CONCLUSION

Zhenjiang has approached Council with an express desire to enter into a friendship city and sister city relationship with Rockhampton. Sister City relationships are widely recognised to be integral to the internationalisation strategy of a City.

Following an active program of communication and exchange of communication, various synergies exist between the two cities and there are a number of joint opportunities that have been identified in sectors including economic development, education, tourism, agriculture, culture, environment, sports and the arts.

Council is being asked to determine if it should enter into a Friendship City Agreement with Zhenjiang.

**SISTER CITY ARRANGEMENTS -
ZHENJIANG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA**

Draft Friendship City Agreement

Meeting Date: 11 October 2016

Attachment No: 1

**Friendship City Agreement
Between
Zhenjiang, Jiangsu, the People's Republic of China
And
Rockhampton, Queensland, the Commonwealth of Australia**

The City of Zhenjiang and Rockhampton agree on the establishment of a Friendship City relationship with the purpose of enhancing and developing friendship, close ties, and cooperation between the two cities to promote mutual understanding, economic development and partnerships between the people of the People's Republic of China and Australia.

The two parties have reached a common understanding in accordance with the principles below:

1. Both cities will make concerted efforts to act as a facilitator of opportunities within each respective region in order to achieve desirable cultural and economic outcomes for mutual benefit and will continue to promote the friendship to the residents of Zhenjiang and Rockhampton.
2. In accordance with the principle of equality, both parties will pursue joint efforts to develop positive exchanges and cooperation over various industries including education, tourism, sports, the environment and others of complementary interest.
3. The governments of both cities will engage closely to enhance the Friendship City relationship, driving common interests to positive outcomes.
4. Rockhampton and Zhenjiang will work together on opportunities for mutual economic growth and advocate for each other on potential economic development projects.
5. Both cities commit to a goal of progressing the status of their relationship from Friendship City to a Sister City within 12 months of the date of this agreement.

This FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT is made
in Zhenjiang, People's Republic of China on 28 November 2016.

Zhu Xiaoming
Mayor
City of Zhenjiang
People's Republic of China

Margaret Strelow
Mayor
Rockhampton Region
Australia

**SISTER CITY ARRANGEMENTS -
ZHENJIANG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA**

**Map - Zhenjiang and
Surrounding Areas**

Meeting Date: 11 October 2016

Attachment No: 2



11.3 SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2017

File No: 1460
Attachments: 1. Proposed Schedule of Meetings January-December 2017
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the period January to December 2017 for adoption by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the period January to December 2017, as attached to the report, be adopted.

BACKGROUND

A Schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the period January to December 2017 is presented for Councillors' information.

The schedule is based on a four weekly cycle and when there are five (5) Tuesdays in a month, no meetings have been scheduled on the Tuesday or Wednesday of that week. Meetings have been condensed in December, to allow for the Christmas recess.

Meetings of the Audit Committee will be arranged separately.

**SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS
JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2017**

**Proposed Schedule of Meetings
January-December 2017**

Meeting Date: 11 October 2016

Attachment No: 1

**SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2017**

JANUARY 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
2 JAN		3 JAN				4 JAN				5 JAN		6 JAN	
9 JAN		10 JAN	Council (9am)			11 JAN				12 JAN		13 JAN	
16 JAN		17 JAN	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	18 JAN	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		19 JAN		20 JAN	
23 JAN		24 JAN	Council (9am)			25 JAN				26 JAN	AUSTRALIA DAY	27 JAN	

FEBRUARY 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
30 JAN		31 JAN				1 FEB				2 FEB		3 FEB	
6 FEB		7 FEB	Council (9am)			8 FEB				9 FEB		10 FEB	
13 FEB		14 FEB	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	15 FEB	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		16 FEB		17 FEB	
20 FEB		21 FEB	Council (9am)			22 FEB				23 FEB		24 FEB	

MARCH 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
27 FEB		28 FEB	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			1 MAR				2 MAR		3 MAR	
6 MAR		7 MAR	Council (9am)			8 MAR				9 MAR		10 MAR	
13 MAR		14 MAR	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	15 MAR	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		16 MAR		17 MAR	
20 MAR		21 MAR	Council (9am)			22 MAR				23 MAR		24 MAR	
27 MAR		28 MAR				29 MAR				30 MAR		31 MAR	

APRIL 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
3 APRIL		4 APRIL	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			5 APRIL				6 APRIL		7 APRIL	
10 APRIL		11 APRIL	Council (9am)			12 APRIL				13 APRIL		14 APRIL	
17 APRIL		18 APRIL	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	19 APRIL	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		20 APRIL		21 APRIL	
24 APRIL		25 APRIL	ANZAC DAY			26 APRIL	Council (9am)			27 APRIL		28 APRIL	

MAY 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1 MAY	LABOUR DAY	2 MAY	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			3 MAY				4 MAY		5 MAY	
8 MAY		9 MAY	Council (9am)			10 MAY				11 MAY		12 MAY	
15 MAY		16 MAY	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	17 MAY	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		18 MAY		19 MAY	
22 MAY		23 MAY	Council (9am)			24 MAY				25 MAY		26 MAY	
29 MAY		30 MAY				31 MAY				1 JUNE		2 JUNE	

JUNE 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
5 JUNE		6 JUNE	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			7 JUNE				8 JUNE		9 JUNE	
12 JUNE		13 JUNE	Council (9am)			14 JUNE				15 JUNE	SHOW HOLIDAY	16 JUNE	
19 JUNE		20 JUNE	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	21 JUNE	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		22 JUNE		23 JUNE	
26 JUNE		27 JUNE	Council (9am)			28 JUNE				29 JUNE		30 JUNE	

JULY 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
3 JULY		4 JULY	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			5 JULY				6 JULY		7 JULY	
10 JULY		11 JULY	Council (9am)			12 JULY				13 JULY		14 JULY	
17 JULY		18 JULY	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	19 JULY	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		20 JULY		21 JULY	
24 JULY		25 JULY	Council (9am)			26 JULY				27 JULY		28 JULY	

AUGUST 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
31 JULY		1 AUG	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			2 AUG				3 AUG		4 AUG	
7 AUG		8 AUG	Council (9am)			9 AUG				10 AUG		11 AUG	
14 AUG		15 AUG	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	16 AUG	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		17 AUG		18 AUG	
21 AUG		22 AUG	Council (9am)			23 AUG				24 AUG		25 AUG	
28 AUG		29 AUG				30 AUG				31 AUG		1 SEPT	

SEPTEMBER 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
4 SEPT		5 SEPT	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			6 SEPT				7 SEPT		8 SEPT	
11 SEPT		12 SEPT	Council (9am)			13 SEPT				14 SEPT		15 SEPT	
18 SEPT		19 SEPT	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	20 SEPT	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		21 SEPT		22 SEPT	
25 SEPT		26 SEPT	Council (9am)			27 SEPT				28 SEPT		29 SEPT	

OCTOBER 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
2 OCT	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	3 OCT	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			4 OCT				5 OCT		6 OCT	
9 OCT		10 OCT	Council (9am)			11 OCT				12 OCT		13 OCT	
16 OCT		17 OCT	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	18 OCT	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		19 OCT		20 OCT	
23 OCT		24 OCT	Council (9am)			25 OCT				26 OCT		27 OCT	

NOVEMBER 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
30 OCT		31 OCT	Planning & Regulatory (9am)			1 NOV				2 NOV		3 NOV	
6 NOV		7 NOV	Council (9am)			8 NOV				9 NOV		10 NOV	
13 NOV		14 NOV	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	15 NOV	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		16 NOV		17 NOV	
20 NOV		21 NOV	Council (9am)			22 NOV				23 NOV		24 NOV	
27 NOV		28 NOV				29 NOV				30 NOV		1 DEC	

DECEMBER 2017

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
4 DEC		5 DEC	Planning & Regulatory (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Airport, Water & Waste (3pm)	6 DEC	Community Services (9am)	Parks, Recreation & Sport (12.30pm)		7 DEC		8 DEC	
11 DEC		12 DEC	Council (9am)			13 DEC				14 DEC		15 DEC	
18 DEC		19 DEC				20 DEC				21 DEC		22 DEC	
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY	26 DEC	BOXING DAY			27 DEC				28 DEC		29 DEC	

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting.

15 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Mount Morgan - Taking of Native Title and Non-Native Title Interests

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

16.2 Monthly Report from Chief Executive Officer for period ending Monday 3 October 2016

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16.1 MOUNT MORGAN - TAKING OF NATIVE TITLE AND NON-NATIVE TITLE INTERESTS

File No: 3033, 12022

Attachments: 1. Background Statement and Notices - Mt Morgan

Authorising Officer: Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology Services
Ross Cheesman - Deputy CEO/General Manager Corporate Services

Author: Kellie Anderson - Coordinator Property and Insurance

Previous Items: 16.1 - Native title – Mount Morgan – 'Taking of Native Title' - Ordinary Council - 09 Aug 2016 9.00 am

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

SUMMARY

Reporting on Native Title Compliance matters relating to part of Lot 12 on USL407036, Mount Morgan, proposed for use as part of Council's 2-way radio communications infrastructure.

16.2 MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR PERIOD ENDING MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2016**File No:** 1830**Attachments:** 1. September CEO Report**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

SUMMARY

Chief Executive Officer presenting monthly report for the period ending Monday 3 October 2016.

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING