



NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next ordinary meeting of an Sister City Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday 22 May 2025 in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa, commencing at 5.30pm.

A G E N D A

Welcome by the Chair

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Apologies

Nil

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:

2.1.1 Sister Cities Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 27 March 2025 at 5.30pm

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

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4. VISITORS TO THE MEETING

- 4.1 Discussion - Committee debrief on the delegation visit from Grapevine, April 2025. What worked well and what could be improved.
- 4.2 Discussion - Grapevine Delegation in September 2025: potential opportunities

5. DEBATE REPORT

Nil

6. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Nil

7. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 July 2025 at 5.30pm

9. CLOSURE

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 OVERVIEW OF VISIT FROM GRAPEVINE DELEGATES - APRIL 2025

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What better way to renew the bonds of friendship with our Sister City, Grapevine Texas, than by showcasing our traditions, culture and hospitality during their visit to the Barossa, 24–30 April 2025

The delegation began their visit as they watched history come alive at the Ziegenmarkt in the heart of Tanunda, chatted to locals, absorbed the atmosphere, met a couple of scarecrows and joined the flurry of excitement as the auctioneer called for the highest bid in a lively tussle to secure iconic Barossa fare!

They admired the local architecture, took in more history at Langmeil Lutheran Church and Barossa Museum, popped into the Visitor Information Centre, then discovered local artisans, live music and more at the Barossa Makers & Beyond Market, before hearing the Grand Hill & Son Organ launch into song.



They've celebrated our sister city relationship at Barossa Vintage Festival Touch Down and Taste off, where American Football SA presented an exhibition match at the new Rugby Precinct, home of Barossa Rams Rugby Club. Nuriootpa High School Marching band performed in the opening.



They commemorated ANZAC Day and laid a wreath during the Dawn Service at Nuriootpa RSL, before touring some historical sites around the region and watching Aussie Rules in the ANZAC Day clash between Nuriootpa Rover Football Club and Angaston Football Club.



A highlight was the Barossa Vintage Festival parade, where the group waved their flags and cheered on participants, including our Friendship Float showcasing our Sister City relationship and the Study Tour NHS students on the Nuriootpa High School float.



The Meet the Makers Trade Show held at The Barossa Cellar not only showcased the amazing and diverse products that are unique to the Barossa, it also gave local business owners a rare opportunity to make valuable connections with trade and tourism delegates from Grapevine Texas.

From art, skincare and handcrafted food products to Barossa-inspired beer, wine and gin, our Sister City delegates left with their hands full of beautiful Barossa products to take home to Grapevine, and a better understanding of the artisan producers who proudly fly the Barossa flag.





Delegates from City of Grapevine Texas have a keen interest in youth development and education and were particularly interested in the Barossa Vintage Festival's Barossa Young Ambassadors Program.

It's why they presented a \$3000 cheque to 2025 Barossa Young Ambassador, Amber Perry, who demonstrated a deep commitment to the community and will now attend Grapevine Grapefest in September this year as part of a study tour to our sister city.



And because eight local agriculture students are also joining the study tour, it came as no surprise that delegates wanted to visit Nuriootpa High School to see first-hand and learn about the unique programs that inspired Study Tour Nuriootpa High School teens to participate in the exchange. Milly Hoffmann was able to show them all things 'Wine Program' and was able to present on the establishment of Nurihannam Wines and the success it has experienced and the Agriculture Program.





Their trip down under would not have been complete without a visit to Barossa Bushgardens, where Quenten Agius welcomed our sister city visitors to country and provided them with a heartfelt insight into our First Nations heritage.

Delegates were captivated by the native flora and community programs run at the site, met staff and volunteers and shared a hearty morning tea.



What a wonderful week they had in the Barossa, culminating in the delegates hosting a farewell get-together last night which included the Study Tour NHS group, Sister City Committee representatives and Elected Members.

Students and delegates exchanged gifts, as too did Mayor Bim Lange, on behalf of Council, and Paul W. McCallum, Executive Director of the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau, as they praised the Sister City initiative's success and its potential for the future.

The Texans are now looking forward to hosting the eight Nuriootpa High School agriculture students and Barossa delegation, including Barossa Young Ambassadors program winner, Amber Perry, in September for the exchange study tour which coincides with Grapevine Grapefest.

A fond farewell to our Texan friends and we look forward to seeing y'all again!



ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.2 UPDATE ON STUDY TOUR - NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

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Texas Study Tour – Fundraising and Progress Report

Looking ahead, several more fundraising events have been scheduled. On the 31st of May, we will be running a sausage sizzle at Mitre 10. Following that, on the 14th of June, a quiz night organised by our dedicated 'Tiger Mum' will be held at the Stockwell Hall. The Stockwell Hotel will generously run the bar for the evening and provide light bites beforehand, with half of the proceeds being donated to support our trip. Bookings for the quiz night will be open prior to our next meeting. Additionally, the 24-Hour Trial raffle will run across the weekend of the 11th to 13th of July.

In terms of travel preparations, we are pleased to report that all flights have been paid for in full. We have also ordered power banks and travel tags for all members of the touring group, and travel outfits are currently being organised.

Recent events have demonstrated strong community support for the program. The Barossa Air Show was a resounding success, attracting nearly 2,000 attendees. Our students and volunteers played an important role on the day by welcoming guests, checking bags, and maintaining waste stations. We are grateful to Rick, Milly, Arabella, George, Sally, and Tim for supporting us alongside the local Rotarians. The Prestons kindly collected bottles and cans from the event during the week to support our container collection fundraiser.

On Easter Sunday, a last-minute change of plans due to weather meant relocating our raffle to the Barossa Nursery. We extend our thanks to the Nursery for accommodating us and to Riley, Nick, and Miyu for their outstanding efforts selling raffle tickets throughout the day.

The Tanunda Touch Down event was another highlight, with hot dogs (both American and German), fairy floss, and popcorn proving popular with attendees. Our new Texas Study Tour t-shirts were on display for the first time, helping to build awareness and pride around the trip. Catering was organised by Kiwanis, to whom we are very thankful for their support.





On the Friday night of ANZAC weekend, we ran a meat tray raffle at the Stockwell Hotel, which sold out faster than anticipated. We also sold two Livestock Club hats to Leon for \$125, before gifting hats to each of the Texan delegates later in the week. Due to the strong interest shown, we will be replenishing stock both for club use and as future fundraising merchandise.

We were proud to take part in this year's Barossa Vintage Festival, where our float paid tribute to our sister city in Texas. The day concluded with the traditional grape stomp, which was a great experience for all involved.

On Sunday the 27th of April, we were honoured to receive the People's Choice Award for our float at a special event in Lyndoch. Nick and Riley once again participated in the grape stomp, placing second overall, with the Georges coming in third. After helping with pack-up, Nick and Riley also participated in a radio interview with BBB FM to promote our study tour and fundraising efforts.



On Monday the 28th of April, the Texas delegation visited the school for a tour of our agriculture facilities and met Miyu, one of our study tour members. The visit was a success and a great way to showcase our program.

The following evening, we farewelled the Texans with a lovely event. It was a rewarding experience for students and staff, giving everyone a chance to build relationships and raise further funds.



There are still a few outstanding administrative tasks, including receiving Working With Children Checks from some delegates travelling with the group, as well as pending documentation from Charity and Naomi. We hope to receive these shortly to finalise approvals.

Planning has commenced for the gifts we will present to our host families, and we are looking forward to meeting them via Zoom in the near future. Recently, we received letters from two Grapevine students, offering a wonderful insight into their agricultural program and student life, helping our group to better understand their Texan counterparts.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

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3.3 BAROSSA YOUNG AMBASSADOR 2025 - AMBER PERRY

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The Barossa Young Ambassador Program was held in conjunction with the 2025 Barossa Vintage Festival (April 23-27). This nine-month program for young adults aged 18-25 helps develop leadership skills and confidence, and rewards excellence in young adults who have an interest in promoting the rich and diverse culture of the Barossa region.

The Program identifies and raises the profile of future community leaders. It acknowledges that young people play an important role in our community and are essential for the future of the Barossa's vibrant wine, food, tourism and culture. It is a career development program offering young adults an opportunity to undertake training and networking in the local community, and to actively participate in hosting and promoting the 2025 Barossa Vintage Festival.

The Barossa Young Ambassador Program is designed for young adults aged 18–25, with participants gaining hands-on experience in event planning, regional promotion, and cultural exchange. It runs alongside the Barossa Vintage Festival and includes the opportunity to represent the region locally and abroad.

Amber Perry has been named the 2025 Barossa Young Ambassador following a nine-month leadership program that supports young people to grow their skills, connect with community, and contribute to the region.

During the nine months, each participant chose a project that required them to address opportunities or challenges in our region, and research insights that can shape potential next steps. Amber's project of choice was 'Barossa Community Centre'. Amber believes Community Centres are essential to supporting people within our community, strengthening local connections, providing vital support services, and ensuring all locals have access to the resources they need.

Her vision for a Community Centre in the Barossa is creating a purpose built, financially sustainable facility in an accessible location offering a variety of programs and services tailored to the diverse needs of all ages and demographics within the community.

With the support of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee allocating \$3,000 and as part of her ambassador role, Amber will travel to Grapevine, Texas with The Barossa Council delegation this September to participate in GrapeFest, the largest wine festival in the southern United States. Tania Kalleske received the 2025 Excellence Award and a \$2,000 travel voucher, sponsored by Rockford Wines.

The Barossa Young Ambassador Program was delivered by the Barossa Vintage Festival with support from Rockford Wines, Barossa Australia, and a broad network of community partners and volunteers.



Pictured her with her parents who attended the Farewell Dinner, hosted by Grapevine on 29 April 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

[Barossa Vintage Festival | Young Ambassadors](#)

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.4 GRAPEVINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 'CHOOSE GRAPEVINE' WEBSITE AND 'GROWING GRAPEVINE' E-NEWSLETTER

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Grapevine Economic Development promotes economic growth in the City of Grapevine through business retention and attraction activities. Working together with entrepreneurs, executives, and real estate agents to build the City of Grapevine into one of the best and most unique cities in the great state of Texas. At the same time, striving to celebrate the things that make their community unique and powerful; elevating existing companies and drawing new business into their portion of the fastest-growing metropolitan area in the U.S.

The department works with developers within the community to make the most of City-owned property and provide insights that will help new businesses choose the right parcels for their needs. Most recently, they spearheaded a public/private partnership that culminated in the installation of a \$140-million commuter rail station complete with its own attached hotel and indoor food hall. The department also assisted with the attraction and installation of Kubota Tractor Corp's North American headquarters and a regional office for Paycom Software, Inc.

Grapevine Current Target Industries Include:

- Class-A Office and Corporate Headquarters
- Retail
- Hospitality & Food Service
- Entertainment

To get exclusive updates in Grapevine and a monthly newsletter, check out the links below.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

[Choose Grapevine, TX: Hometown Feel, Authentic Experiences](#)

[Grapevine News Center](#)

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.5 GRAPEVINE COLLEYVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL OVERVIEW

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The Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District (GCISD) is a public school district in Texas, serving the cities of Grapevine and Colleyville, with portions of Euless, Hurst, Southlake, Irving, and Coppell.

It operates a range of schools, including elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as an early college and virtual school. In 2018, the district received an overall rating of "A" by the Texas Education Agency, with every campus rated as "Met Standard".

Key Facts:

Location: Grapevine, Texas.

Serving: Grapevine, Colleyville, and portions of Euless, Hurst, Southlake, Irving, and Coppell.

School Types: Elementary, middle, and high schools, including an early college high school and a virtual school.

Student Enrollment (across all schools): Approximately 13,812 students.

Teacher-Student Ratio: 14:1

Minority Enrollment: 50%

Economically Disadvantaged Students: 16%

Superintendent: Dr. Brad Schnautz

Motto: Redefining Education

Established: 1869

Additional Information:

- The district has a graduation rate of 97.8%.
- The average years of experience for teachers is 12.2 years.
- 31.6% of teachers have advanced degrees.
- The district has been recognised as one of the Best Communities for Music Education.
- GCISD promotes a positive culture among teachers and staff. GCISD has provided a compensation increase to staff, and the percentage of our staff who are directly involved in instruction has risen every year since 2012-2013.

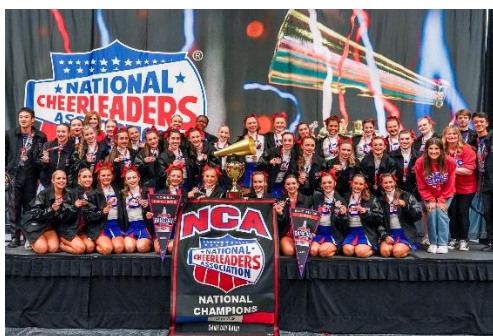
Overview of Grapevine High School

- Grapevine High School is ranked 251st within Texas.
- The AP participation rate (Advanced Placement = exams are college-level exams taken by high school students in the US and Canada, designed to assess their understanding of college-level subjects) at Grapevine High School is 64%.
- The total minority enrolment is 41%.

The mission of Grapevine High School is to be the BEST high school in Texas.

Grapevine High School stands for dedicated excellence through a community of integrity and teamwork.

Grapevine High School is known for celebrating our rich tradition by preparing future-ready graduates, lifelong learners and innovative leaders with high quality and a challenging learning environment.



ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

[Home | Grapevine High School](#)

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3.6 GRAPEFEST 2025 - PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

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39th Annual GrapeFest

September 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2025 is the 39th Annual GrapeFest!

GrapeFest celebrates wines from around the world, but takes special pride in Texas wine. There are a variety of annual events, special wine tastings and kid-friendly activities across four days when Main Street closes down to traffic for the Largest Wine Festival in the Southwest. A Texas Wine Experience - Presented by Bank of The West

GrapeFest Events

GrapeFest offers a variety of fun for all members of the family! Find exciting wine-related events, including the [People's Choice Wine Tasting Classic](#), [GrapeStomp](#) and the [Champagne Cork Shoot-Off](#). Wine lovers are sure to find something fun to celebrate the fruit of the vine at GrapeFest.

There is also an event for car lovers, as [ItalianCarFest](#) marks the start of GrapeFest season with the largest show of premier Italian automobiles in the Southwest. There will be more than 90 modern and classic vehicles on show at [Nash Farm](#). It takes place the Saturday before GrapeFest, September 6, 2025.

The [GrapeFest Pickleball & Tennis Classic, produced by TNT Tennis](#), gives players the chance to compete against some of the best players in Texas and surrounding areas, with prize money given to the winners. The tournament features both junior and adult singles and mixed doubles events.

Get more information on the events by clicking the pictures below:

Wine Experiences



GrapeFest® Events



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[Live Music & Entertainment](#)



[2024 People's Choice Winners](#)



[Kid-Friendly Fun](#)



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Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil