



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on Thursday 22 May 2025 commencing at 5.30pm
in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

MINUTES

Welcome by Mayor Bim Lange declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Bim Lange, Janine Harding, Bill Simons, Scott Hazeldine, Louise Hickinbotham, Carol Dadds, Vanesa Lambert, Ingrid Day, Milly Hoffmann, Catherine Nacey, Elaine Burridge, Sandie Simons

Apologies

Rolf Binder, Rick Lane, Jo Seabrook, Jo Moen

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:

MOVED Scott Hazeldine

That the Minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee held on Thursday 27 March 2025 at 5.30pm, as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct records of the proceedings of those meetings.

SECONDED Carol Dadds

CARRIED SCACC/16

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 OVERVIEW OF VISIT FROM GRAPEVINE DELEGATES - APRIL 2025

The Sister Cities Program Manager gave an update on the success of the Grapevine Delegation visit with great community engagement with the 'Texans in Town', particularly around the Sister City Friendship G'Day Mates Friendship Float as part of the Barossa Vintage Festival Parade on 26 April 2025. The visit was a great opportunity to profile the Sister City in the community. Thank you to Louise Hickinbotham for being the Bald Eagle on the float.

The Nuriootpa High School float received the People Choice Award.

Photos will be distributed to the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

3.2 UPDATE ON STUDY TOUR - NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

Milly Hoffmann gave an update on the status of final fundraising planned for the Nuriootpa High School Study Tour students with:

- BBQ at Mitre 10 on 31 May 2025
- Quiz Night at Stockwell on 14 June 2025 with Nick Richardson and Martin McCarthy the quiz masters, music provided by Chayse Larsen, and the Stockwell Hotel providing American-themed food prior to the event and also stocking Nurihamam wines.
- 24 hours motorcycle race with a raffle arranged by Maddy Sherwood and supported by Barossa Motorcycles
- Cleaning the Community Buses

Fundraising is currently on track for reaching the goal of \$40,000 after Barossa Airshow with Rotary on 6 April 2025, Easter raffle at Barossa Nursery on 20 April 2025, hotdogs, popcorn and fairy floss at the Touchdown and Taste Off Event on 25 April 2025 with Kiwanis. All flights have been paid in full.

T-shirts have been purchased from Bandicoot Clothing.

The students participated in the Grapestomp at the Barossa Festival Parade After Party at Tanunda Recreation Park on 26 April 2025 and then Nick and Riley competed again at the Great Vintage Picnic at Lyndoch on 27 April 2025.

The Nuriootpa High School float won the People's Choice Award for the Barossa Vintage Festival with the trophy being awarded at the Great Vintage Picnic. This provided Nick and Riley to do a radio interview, which provided great exposure for the study tour but also gave them public speaking experience. The students are all getting such a positive experience from their involvement with the study tour.

Milly is working with Grapevine to secure the appropriate Working with Children documentation which needs to be submitted with the Nuriootpa High School travel application, including all anticipated activities.

The Sister City Program Manager noted that the Grapevine Delegation were impressed with the program and the community connections that the students had made in terms of fundraising, showing how hard-working and truly grateful the students are. The mentioned implementing similar with their students.

3.3 BAROSSA YOUNG AMBASSADOR 2025 - AMBER PERRY

The Sister City Program Manager gave an update on Barossa Young Ambassador for 2025, Amber Perry and her plans to attend the Grapevine Delegation in September 2025. Amber has requested that her partner, Harry, be able to travel with her, self-funded, and is aware that to make the most of the opportunity, she will have obligations during GrapeFest. Amber and Harry will travel on the same flight to Texas as the delegation from The Barossa Council and will use the same travel agent as the Nuriootpa High School students. Naomi Saenz, Grapevine Texas, will touch base with Amber to make an itinerary that covers areas of interest and gives her opportunity to be a Barossa Ambassador during her stay.

Amber is studying Viticulture and Oenology and is intending to stay for an extra week to visit Napa Valley. Scott Hazeldine has indicated that he is supporting Amber with professional connections in Napa Valley, California.

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

The Sister City Program Manager provided links to 'Choose Grapevine' and 'Growing Grapevine' newsletters citing that Grapevine had been a ghost-town until they became a centre for conferences, building numerous hotels to cater for visitors to the city.

One of the main comments from the Grapevine Delegation was that our accommodation is not at a standard they would normally enjoy and would have appreciated it being closer to the main street.

Elaine Burrige met with Leon Leal around Economic Development and what Grapevine do and how/what we can do.

3.5 GRAPEVINE COLLEYVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The Sister City Program Manager provided key facts and statistics on Colleyville Independent School District for the consideration of the Sister City Advisory Committee and encourage committee members to have a look into the High School that our NHS students will be visiting.

3.6 GRAPEFEST 2025 - PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

The Sister City Program Manager gave an update on the lead-up to GrapeFest 2025. A formal letter of invitation will be received from Mayor Tate to attend.

Barossa Australia will be at Grapefest, with Scott Hazeldine in attendance. Scott noted that there is increased interest in attending Grapefest following on from word of mouth from previous attendees, Barossa Vintage Festival and knowing that the Texans were here, and the opportunity to progress trade.

4. DISCUSSIONS

4.1 DEBRIEF ON GRAPEVINE DELEGATION VISIT, APRIL 2025

Mayor Lange welcomed discussion and debrief on the Grapevine Delegation visit, April 2025 on what worked well and what could be improved.

Debrief document will be distributed to the Sister City Advisory Committee.

4.2 GRAPEVINE DELEGATION VISIT, SEPTEMBER 2025

Mayor Lange welcomed discussion on The Barossa Council Delegation visit to Grapevine, Texas in September 2025.

Sister City Advisory Committee was asked to submit any connections they might like in Grapevine, who they would like to meet with and any interests that could be included in the itinerary. They were also asked to think about objectives for the visit.

The Sister City Advisory Committee was also asked to consider gifts which could be presented in Grapevine.

Carol Dadds proposed that she may be able to assist with Sunshine Barossa.

5. DEBATE REPORT

Nil

6. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Nil

7. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 July 2025 at 5.30pm

9. CLOSURE

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Confirmed at Sister Cities Advisory Committee Meeting on 24 July 2025

Date:.....

Chairperson:.....