



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on Thursday 25 September 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, Scott Hazeldine, Louise Hickinbotham, Carol Dadds, Vanesa Lambert, Catherine Nacey, Milly Hoffmann

Apologies

Rolf Binder, Rick Lane, Ingrid Day, Elaine Burrige, Sandie Simons

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 24 July 2025 at 5.30pm, as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct records of the proceedings of those meetings.

SECONDED Carol Dadds

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Nil

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 VERBAL UPDATE ON NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL STUDY TOUR – GRAPEVINE, TX

Nuriootpa High School Study Tour Group Leader, Milly Hoffmann provided a verbal update on the Nuriootpa High School Study Tour visit to Grapevine Texas. The students had an amazing experience and enjoyed the hospitality of the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent District School and saw the process behind Future Farmers of America which is run by the school, participated in a Pep Rally and watched a school football game.

The students visited Tarleton University, experienced a Mexican rodeo, attended a memorial service for 911 and one student, along with Mayor Lange, laid a wreath on behalf of the Council and the school. The students travelled by train to witness a true cattle run and were lucky enough to get a back stage pass to the AT&T Stadium, the home of the Dallas Cowboys. They also competed in the Grapestomp at Grapefest and attended the Grape Gatsby style Sister City dinner.

It was noted that the GCIDS students are very passionate about their school and are great at public speaking. The opportunities that they get at school give them great direction for the future.

A debrief document will be sent to the Group Leaders, students and parents to provide feedback for future study tours.

4.2 VERBAL UPDATE ON THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION VISIT – GRAPEVINE, TX

The Sister City Program Manager provided a verbal update on the official delegation visit to Grapevine Texas.

Amber Perry was fantastic in her role as Barossa Young Ambassador and was enthusiastic, very professional and represented the Barossa so well. Amber is looking to join the Sister City Advisory Committee and has some ideas she would like work on with Rolf Binder.

Scott Hazeldine and Vanesa Lambert noted that there were less volunteers this year at Grapefest. The Regional Masterclass was a success.

Louise Hickinbotham provided a verbal update on some of her thoughts around the amazing volunteerism that exists in Grapevine but also noted that there was perhaps a missed opportunity with the Qantas / Barossa Australia competition.

A debrief document will be sent to the delegation to provide feedback for future delegation visits.

5. DEBATE REPORT

Nil

6. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Nil

7. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 November 2025 at 5.30pm

9. CLOSURE

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Confirmed at Sister Cities Advisory Committee Meeting on 27 November 2025

Date:.....

Chairperson:.....