



REPORT

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 APRIL 2025

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Communications Partner, the Acting IT Support Team Leader, the IT Support Officer, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Growth Planning, the Acting Team Leader Growth Planning Projects, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Design, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Greenspace Operations, the Manager Regional Experiences and the Cultural Development Coordinator.

Councillor P Wells assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:10pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber.

CCC25/10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/434)

There were no requests for leave of absence.

CCC25/11 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/435)

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CCC25/12 MAINTENANCE SERVICE LEVELS: PARKS (ID25/418)

The Committee had before it the report dated 16 March 2025 from the Director Community, Culture and Places regarding Maintenance Service Levels: Parks.

The Committee reports having met with the Manager Greenspace Operations.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor K Richardson

MOTION

That the Maintenance Service Levels for Parks be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/13 2025-2029 YOUTH ACTION PLAN (ID25/419)

The Committee had before it the report dated 17 March 2025 from the Youth Development Officer regarding 2025-2029 Youth Action Plan.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

- 1. That Council endorse the 2025-2029 Youth Action Plan for the purpose of public exhibition.**
- 2. That the CEO provide a report detailing the results of the Public Exhibition period.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/14 DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS STATUS REPORT (ID25/451)

The Committee had before it the report dated 27 March 2025 from the Cultural Development Coordinator regarding Dubbo Regional Council Sister City Relationships Status Report.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

1. That the Sister City relationships with Minokamo (Japan) and Wujiang (China) continue.
2. That Council write to both Minokamo and Wujiang to re-affirm DRC commitment to the relationship.
3. The CEO write to Osawano/Toyama (Japan) to determine their interest in re-invigorating the Sister City relationship with Wellington, and the Japanese Gardens.
4. That discussions continue with Cheong-ju, South Korea and report back to Council.
5. All other inactive Sister City relationships be formally concluded.

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Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

AMENDMENT

- 1. That the Sister City relationships with Minokamo (Japan) and Wujiang (China) continue.**
- 2. That Council write to both Minokamo and Wujiang to re-affirm DRC commitment to**

the relationship.

3. The CEO write to Osawano/Toyama (Japan) to determine their interest in re-invigorating the Sister City relationship with Wellington, and the Japanese Gardens.
4. That discussions continue with Cheong-ju, South Korea and report back to Council.
5. All other inactive Sister City relationships be formally concluded.
6. That the CEO explore the possibility for student exchange and enrichment relationships with the City of Newcastle Council and/or adjacent Councils, and report back to Council.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

The amendment then became the motion and on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

The meeting closed at 6:39pm.

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CHAIRPERSON