



Sister City Relationship Policy

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Type:	Council
Category:	Corporate Governance and Finance
Relevant Community Plan Outcome:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A leading and progressive Local Government organisation <p>We will continue to build on our reputation as a forward thinking and high performing organisation that delivers confident and committed leadership on behalf of the community to be a leading and transformational Local Government organisation.</p>
Responsible Officer(s):	Chief Executive Officer
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Applicable Legislation:	Nil
Related Policies:	Nil
Related Procedures:	Nil

1. Purpose

The City of Charles Sturt is committed to participating in Sister City Relationships which establish and maintain friendships with other communities throughout the world.

The aim on the program is to encourage international goodwill while enriching our community by broadening our understanding of other nations, their traditions, customs and cultures.

2. Scope

Sister City Relationships will be established if they have the ability to promote shared cultural, educational and humanitarian awareness.

3. **Policy Statement**

All requests to participate in a Sister City Relationship will be considered by Council and the following criteria will be considered:

- The ability to generate harmony, tolerance and goodwill;
- Have the capacity to allow for the sharing of ideas, knowledge and values;
- Provide assistance in the development of local contacts; and
- To foster cultural connections.

Relationships will be formalised by entering into a Sister City Agreement from both the City of Charles Sturt and any Sister City to work cooperatively for the goodwill of both communities and the sharing of knowledge.

Formal visitation by the City of Charles Sturt to a Sister City will not form part of the relationship agreement. The travel and associated expenses of a delegate from the Sister City will be the responsibility of the Sister City.

4. **Definitions**

List all key terms and acronyms that are used in the policy, and their definition.

Key Term	Definition
Sister City Agreement	A formal document describing a bilateral agreement between two parties