



Hawkesbury City Council

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**Item: 46                    GM - Sister City Program Policy - Student Exchange Donation, Temple City and Kyotamba 2010 - (79351, 73610)**

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**REPORT:**

Council at its meeting held on 10 July 2007, adopted its (International) Sister City Program Policy (Policy). Council will be aware that in adopting the Policy, it also delegated authority to the Hawkesbury Sister City Association (Association) to undertake appropriate exchange programs on Council's behalf with our two sister cities, under Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

A key activity of the Association is the annual student exchange program. This program provides the opportunity for up to 12 high school students to take part in exchange visits, where by six students may visit Temple City (California), USA and six students may visit Kyotamba (Kyoto), Japan staying with host sister city families. In reply, students from Temple City and Kyotamba also visit the Hawkesbury Local Government Area as part of their annual student exchange programs. The Association undertakes an application and selection process and it is noted that parents and guardians primarily fund the student travel costs.

The Association has advised that the Temple City student exchange will take place from 26 March 2010 to 28 April 2010 and the Kyotamba student exchange will take place from 30 May 2010 to 25 June 2010.

Students have been selected on the basis of being a resident of the Hawkesbury area and/ or attending a Hawkesbury area school in accordance with the Policy.

The Association has advised that the following students have been selected to visit Temple City, being:

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| 1. | Alexandra Stapleton | of Glossodia (Penrith High School)        |
| 2. | Rachel Reid         | of Wilberforce (Arndell Anglican College) |
| 3. | Cassandra Crowther  | of Kurrajong (Colo High School)           |
| 4. | Charlton Robb       | of North Richmond (Colo High School)      |
| 5. | Renee Smyth         | of South Windsor (Penrith High School)    |
| 6. | Eden Barrett        | of Bligh Park (Penrith High School)       |

The Association has advised that the following students have been selected to visit Kyotamba, being:

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| 1. | Joshua Mannes | of Ebenezer (Arndell Anglican College)  |
| 2. | Taryn Eddy    | of Wilberforce (Hawkesbury High School) |
| 3. | Taylor Alcock | of Richmond (Penrith High School)       |
| 4. | Imogen Clark  | of Bowen Mountain (Penrith High School) |

It has been the practice of Council throughout the operation of the Sister City Program to make a donation of \$500 to each student visiting a sister city to help with travel and daily costs while overseas. The donation has been included in approved budgets each year.

It is recommended that Council continue to support the student exchange program by making a donation to the nominated students to help with their travel and daily costs while visiting Kyotamba and Temple City, as part of the sister city student exchange program.

It is noted that the Policy requires Council and the Association to sign a sponsorship agreement in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy. The Sponsorship Policy also requires all requests for Section 356 financial assistance to be reported to Council for determination.

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### Conformance to Strategic Plan

This proposal is deemed to conform to the objectives as set out in Council's community Strategic Plan 2009-2012, ie:

Vision - *shaping our future together*

*Direction:*

- Have constructive and productive partnerships with residents, community and institutions.

*Strategies:*

- Have ongoing engagement and communication with our community, governments and industries.
- Develop and implement a community participation and partnership program.

*Goal:*

- Support community initiatives and volunteers.

### Funding

All costs will be met from the approved 2009/2010 Budget.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That under the provisions of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council donate \$500 to each student participating in the 2010 student exchange program visit to Temple City and Kyotamba in accordance with the Sister City Program Policy being:

- a) Alexandra Stapleton
- b) Rachel Reid
- c) Cassandra Crowther
- d) Charlton Robb
- e) Renee Smyth
- f) Eden Barrett
- g) Joshua Mannes
- h) Taryn Eddy
- i) Taylor Alcock
- j) Imogen Clark

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**Item: 47**                    **GM - Local Government & Shires Association of NSW - Local Government Representative on Stakeholder Committee for the Office of the Hawkesbury Nepean - (79351, 112608)**

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**REPORT:**

By letter dated 26 February 2010, addressed to the Mayor and received on 4 February 2010, the Local Government & Shires Association of NSW (LGSA) has invited councils within the Hawkesbury Nepean catchment to nominate a person for possible appointment as a local government representative on a Stakeholder Committee for the Office of the Hawkesbury Nepean. A copy of this letter is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

As indicated in the letter from the LGSA *“the Committee will comprise eight positions, representing a cross-section of the catchment community, in terms of skills and location. One position on the Committee is reserved for a member with ‘expertise in Local Government’. This position will need to represent, as far as practicable, the interests of Local Government throughout the catchment.”*

Councils within the catchment have been requested *“to suggest a suitable nominee (not necessarily from their own council)”* for the Stakeholder Committee by Friday, 12 March 2010.

**Conformance to Strategic Plan**

The proposal is consistent with the *‘Caring for our Environment’* Directions statement;

*“To look after our cultural and environmental assets for future generations so that they too can enjoy and benefit from a clean river and natural eco-systems, rural and cultural landscapes.”*

and is also consistent with the *strategy* in the Community Strategic Plan being:

*“Work in partnership with relevant stakeholders to protect designated waters.”*

and is also consistent with the *goal* in the Community Strategic Plan being:

*‘Healthy and sustainable Hawkesbury River and waterways’*

and is also consistent with the *measure* in the Community Strategic Plan being:

*“Stakeholder consultation undertaken for improved navigable, safe and usable waterways.”*

**Funding**

There are no funding implications associated with this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council consider the request from the Local Government & Shires Association of NSW regarding the nomination of a person to fill the role as Local Government Representative on a Stakeholder Committee for the Office of the Hawkesbury Nepean.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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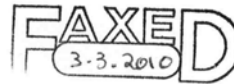
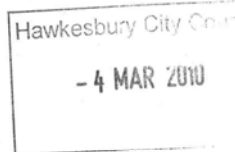
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Further contact: Geoff Hudson  
26 February 2009

Cr Bart Bassett  
Mayor  
Hawkesbury City Council  
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Dear Cr Bassett

The NSW Government's Office of the Hawkesbury Nepean has invited the Associations to nominate a Local Government representative for its new Stakeholder Committee. We are writing to all councils within the Hawkesbury Nepean catchment to invite them to suggest a suitable nominee.

The Office of the Hawkesbury Nepean is the NSW Government's initiative to improve the health of the Hawkesbury Nepean river system. It will act as a single point of access for information and advice on river management strategies for the community.

The Stakeholder Committee will provide the Office with advice regarding community engagement and information sharing in relation to river management, as well as act as a key communication channel between the Office and the community.

The Committee will comprise eight positions, representing a cross-section of the catchment community, in terms of skills and location. One position on the Committee is reserved for a member with 'expertise in Local Government'. This position will need to represent, as far as practicable, the interests of Local Government throughout the catchment.

When determining this representation, it is important to ensure that the person is conversant with the major ecological, social, and economic issues facing the river system, as well as Local Government, in this catchment. Participation in other regional activities, such as the Hawkesbury Nepean CMA's Local Government Advisory Group (LGAG) or a ROC, would be of significant advantage.

Council is requested to suggest a suitable nominee (not necessarily from their own council) to represent Local Government on the Stakeholder Committee to the Associations by Friday 12 March 2010.

For more information on the Office of the Hawkesbury Nepean, please visit [www.ohn.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ohn.nsw.gov.au). For more information regarding the nomination process, please contact Geoff Hudson, Senior Policy Officer NRM, at the Associations on 9242 4095 or [geoff.hudson@lgsa.org.au](mailto:geoff.hudson@lgsa.org.au)

Yours sincerely

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