

Sister City Relationships of the former Hurstville and Kogarah City Councils

This document outlines the details of active Sister City Relationships as follows:

Hurstville City Council

Shiroishi Council, Japan
Changzhou Council, China
Tamworth Regional Council

Kogarah City Council

Ma'anshan City, China
Cowra Shire Council
Shunde, China

Overview	Visits and Delegations	Benefits and Activities
<p><i>Hurstville City Council</i></p> <p>Shiroishi Council, Japan</p> <p>Established 1994</p> <p>Sister City relationship with annual group visits and youth exchanges.</p>	<p>Annual youth exchanges from 1994-2015.</p> <p>Mayoral visits to Shiroishi and delegations to Hurstville from Shiroishi.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural exchange experience for young people in Hurstville and Shiroishi. Council staff arranging homestay in Australia and accompanying students to Japan. • Homestay with sporting opportunities. • Regular gifts exchange
<p><i>Hurstville City Council</i></p> <p>Changzhou Council, China</p> <p>Established 1998</p> <p>Encourage mutual understanding between Australia and China.</p> <p>Strengthening ties between Chinese community in Hurstville</p>	<p>To Changzhou – five Mayor, Council and GM visited Changzhou</p> <p>Yearly or twice-yearly delegations to Hurstville - 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing information about Local Government in Australia, policies and procedures, public health, volunteer programs, environment, art, construction and transport. • 2008 Exchange between Changzhou No.1 High School and Georges River College and Shiroishi students. • Regular gifts (15) • Exhibitions (3) • Chinese New Year performance

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<p><i>Hurstville City Council</i></p> <p>Tamworth Regional Council</p> <p>Established 2006</p> <p>Originated from 1990s Friendly Town agreement with the Barraba and Manilla (amalgamated to Tamworth Regional Council in 2004).</p>	<p>Mayoral visit to Tamworth – 2006</p> <p>Tamworth Country Music Festival - 2007</p> <p>Mayor attended Opening of Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre – 2009</p> <p>Tamworth Country Music Festival – 2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support to Tamworth: Greenhands initiative \$20,000k from Lugarno Lions Club to support replanting in drought areas 2007. • \$2,500 for Nundle Go for Gold Chinese Festival 2012 • Regular correspondence, congratulations and invitations from Tamworth to Hurstville.
<p><i>Kogarah City Council</i></p> <p>Ma'anshan City, Anhui, China</p> <p>Established 2003</p> <p>Exchange and cooperation in science and technology, culture, sports, health, education, and economic and trade relationships.</p>	<p>Ma'anshan visit to Kogarah – 2000 and 2004</p> <p>Visit to Ma'anshan City Mayor and GM - 2005</p> <p>Opening of Ma'anshan Park in South Hurstville and Li Bai statue – 2009</p> <p>Ma'anshan delegation to Kogarah – February /March 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005, gift of books • Gift of statue of Chinese poet Li Bai installed in Ma'anshan Friendship Park in South Hurstville.

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<p><i>Kogarah City Council</i></p> <p>Cowra Shire Council</p> <p>Established 2007</p> <p>Forum for cultural, economic, and educational interchange and encourage friendship and understanding.</p>	<p>Council and Executive delegations to Cowra</p> <p>Kogarah Youth Advisory Committee Cowra visit with two staff as chaperones – 2011</p> <p>Kogarah/Cowra – staff skills exchange 2012 and 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing information Cowra Regional Art Gallery / Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre exhibition space development. • Greenfleet Program - improvement of rural environment indigenous trees and woodland birds. • Sharing Council resources and best practice. • City/country cultural youth exchange program
<p><i>Kogarah City Council</i></p> <p>District of Shunde, Foshan City, Guangdong Province, China</p> <p>Established 2012</p> <p>Previous Friendship City 2010.</p> <p>To develop diplomatic and trade relationships.</p>	<p>Delegations to Shunde – 2014</p> <p>Delegations Shunde to Kogarah – 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift of Bruce Lee Statue installed and celebrations and exhibition held at Kogarah Town Square in 2011 • Partnership between St George Private Hospital Medical Specialists and Guangdong Tongjiang Hospital. MOU signed 2011.
<p>Other sister cities and friendship city relationships:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cakovec City Council, Croatia – Friendship City, 2015 (HCC) 2. Nanchong City, China – Friendship City, 2015 (HCC) 3. Tongling City, China – Friendship City, 2010 (KCC) 4. Nanxiong City, China – Friendship City, 2013 (KCC) 5. Xinyu City, China – Friendship City, 2012 (KCC) 6. Taicang City, China – Friendship City 2013 (KCC) 7. Dunhuang City, China – Sister City 2003 (KCC) 		