

A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Sister Cities Australia Newsletter.



Greetings fellow Sister Cities friends. It seems no time at all since I last penned a message to you on behalf of myself and my Executive. Looking at the calendar I find it near impossible to accept that here we are, half way through another year.

Every edition of our newsletter we request you send us your stories so that they may be shared with a very interested audience. Some do but many simply don't think it worthwhile to do so or that no-one would be interested in their local stories. Let me assure you, there are so many readers who love reading and sharing your Sister City events and adventures. Many times I know there have been

tales shared which have sparked the interest for a new venture somewhere within our vast network. Why not contribute a story or pictures for our next edition.

Speaking of our newsletter. Does it provide the news and information you like to receive? Is there an idea you have for any changes to the content. If so, please send them through so that we may tailor the publication to what you desire.

As I write there is a major overhaul being undertaken of all our communication network. This is being undertaken by a WA company Moshi Moshi after they successfully tendered for the contract of works. This was done after much discussion at various Executive meetings and the conduct of a thorough review of our operations. I am sure you will appreciate the changes when they are initiated.

Please stay safe and let us all work together to help us shake off the curse of Covid and get back to the times when we may once again be able to share with our friends from all corners of the Globe.

Yours in Sister Cities,
Bill Wilson, President

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2021 AGM PREVIEW – September 22, by Zoom.

The Sister Cities Australia Annual General Meeting (AGM) for this year will be held via a Zoom videoconference on Wednesday 22 September, 2021 (please note the change of date from the 29th to the 22nd as stated in our previous newsletter) starting at 2pm EST – or 12pm for us in The West and 1:30pm for South Australia.

As 2021 is an election year all positions on the Executive Committee will be open and available for members to nominate others for. Members of the Executive Committee must be financial individual

members of SCA, or be a nominated representative of an SCA corporate member.

Further details of the AGM will be provided as they become available, including all the paperwork for the elections, at least two months before the date of the AGM. The papers will be emailed to all members and nominated contacts.

We hope you will be able to join us and help shape the future of SCA as we move forward.

Mike Jakins
National Secretary

SCA WEBSITE UPDATE

Coming soon – a totally new look.

SCA has engaged Moshi Moshi, a Bunbury, WA based marketing, graphic design and web development company with a strong sister city background and passion, to update our aging website.

The new website will have a totally new 'look and feel' to it bringing us into the 21st century. It will be much easier to navigate and key information will be readily accessible from the home page. There will also be a Members Only area where forums can be accessed to share information, documents accessed, Awards entry forms and documents, plus

other exclusive content. Members will receive instructions on how to access this area once it is 'up and running'.

All going well, the new website should be going live in the next month or two, but we will definitely be letting everyone know when it is available. Thank you for your continued support of SCA and for continuing to keep the sister city message flourishing.

Mike Jakins
National Secretary

SCA Affiliation Directory and Links Update

Does your Sister City Association or Committee have a webpage?

Do you have a Facebook Page?

Do you have a presence on Social Media?

Would you like to share those links with SCA members and friends?



If you would like your website, Facebook page, LinkedIn page, Instagram account, or other social media pages added to the list please let me know by clicking on the link below. Thank you for your help and support with this SCA initiative, which I hope will be a useful resource for all.


Click [HERE](#) to send your link details to SCA.

Have you checked out the Affiliation Directory? It has recently been updated to reflect all of the Council amalgamations that have occurred in all of the Australian States.

Is there information missing? Is there incorrect data? This Directory is the definitive document on Australian Sister City and Friendship City links and your help is needed to ensure that it remains as up-to-date and accurate as possible.

Click [HERE](#) if you would like to download the latest version of the Affiliation Directory. Please send me

an email if you find any errors or omissions – thank you in anticipation.



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2021 DIRECTORY OF AUSTRALIAN SISTER CITY AND FRIENDSHIP CITY AFFILIATIONS

UPDATED: 24/09/2019 – with data supplied by CLAIR for all Australia-Japan relationships.
10/01/2020 – with data supplied from survey to all Local Govt. Authorities.
26/05/2021 – with all amalgamated LGA names in all Australian States.

DISCLAIMER: Sister Cities Australia does not accept any liability or responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this directory. The directory has been faithfully compiled from the data provided, some of which has been substantiated however much of it has not. Persons or organisations using the data contained within the directory should follow-up with their own research to verify the accuracy of that data.

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Mike Jakins,
National Secretary

SCA's Presence on Facebook



The OFFICIAL SCA Facebook Page

SCA has had a web presence on Facebook for a while now. The original Facebook Page had been left as the current committee had been unable to access it for updating. Well, now we can and we have updated it to allow us all to share our stories and articles on all things sister city related.

Click [HERE](#) to go to our Facebook page



The OFFICIAL SCA Facebook Group

The Facebook Group will still remain as this is where we are able to share files, such as our quarterly newsletter, online – we can't do this on the Facebook Page. Please **FOLLOW** us, **LIKE** us, **SHARE** us and also we'd love to see your contributions.

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LOOKING FOR, OR TO BECOME, A SISTER CITY?

Check out the SCA website where there is a list of cities actively looking for affiliations. There are cities in China, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Uganda, Kenya, USA and Ghana waiting – and more to come.

Are you seeking an Australian sister city? Fill out the details on the request form and return to SCA as per the contact information at the end of the document, [click here](#).

STAY IN TOUCH WITH SCA

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Full contact details for any of the above are available on the SCA website on the Administration page.

SCA has a website – www.sistercitiesaustralia.com



Visit the association's website for: information about us; what activities we are involved with; any events that are of interest; all the details on the annual awards; access to our publications and images; and how to contact us.

If you notice any changes that need to be made to the website, or if you have any suggestions for improving the site please let us know. Send an email to the [Website Editor](#) (click on this link) with your comments and/or your suggestions.

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Please forward this newsletter on to interested colleagues and friends, thank you.