



## SISTER CITY- FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM

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### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework to ensure that coordination and management of a Sister City/Friendship City program for the Rural City of Wangaratta occurs in a planned and programmed manner.

### Statement

The Council considers that a Sister City /Friendship City program can establish crucial economic, cultural and social links between the communities involved.

The program will seek to provide and strengthen links and partnerships at an international, national and local level so as to make for a robust network of sharing experiences, expertise, information and knowledge, and to promote global partnerships and cross cultural understanding.

Therefore the Council will:

- Initiate programs to promote and develop mutual understanding, friendship and goodwill, between the Rural City of Wangaratta and Friendship City communities;
- Arrange programs of educational, cultural, sporting, economic and social exchange;
- Facilitate community involvement in any future Sister Cities Program; and
- Provide a focus for tourist and economic development with Sister Cities.

### Definitions

N/A

### References

Australian Sister Cities Association.