



*Gunnedah Shire Council*

# EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

## 6 September 2017



**NOTICE** is hereby given that the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of Council will be held on **WEDNESDAY 6 September 2017** in the **Council Chambers, Council Administration Building, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah** commencing at **4:00pm**.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. PRESENT / APOLOGIES
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST  
*In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and specifically Section 451 of the Local Government Act, 1993 declarations of interest are required by Councillors and designated staff attending the meeting.*
- 3. PRESENTATIONS
  - *Nil at time of printing.*

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- 4. DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
  - 4.1 Yinzhou Delegation – Sister City Relationship ..... 4

**The ordinary, extraordinary and committee open meetings of Council will be audio recorded for minute-taking purposes and may be broadcast live over the internet.**

**\* Local Government Act 1993 – Definition of Closed Meeting Items**

**10A Which parts of a meeting can be closed to the public?**

- (1) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
  - (a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
  - (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.
  
- (2) The matters and information are the following:
  - (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
  - (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
  - (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
  - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
    - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
    - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
    - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
  - (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
  - (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property,
  - (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege,
  - (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.
  - (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

## VISION

**TO BE A FOCUSED COMMUNITY VALUING GUNNEDAH'S IDENTITY AND QUALITY LIFESTYLE.**

## MISSION

**TO PROMOTE, ENHANCE AND SUSTAIN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN GUNNEDAH SHIRE THROUGH BALANCED ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE.**

## ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

***In partnership with the community:***

- 1. EQUITY**
- 2. INTEGRITY**
- 3. LEADERSHIP**
- 4. OPENNESS & ACCOUNTABILITY**
- 5. CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**
- 6. COMMITMENT TO SAFETY**
- 7. EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES**

Shire of  
**Gunnedah**  
Land of Opportunity

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## Director Planning and Environmental Services Report

<b>ITEM 1</b>	<b>Yinzhou Government Delegation – 14-15 September 2017</b>
<b>MEETING</b>	Extraordinary Meeting – 6 September 2017
<b>DIRECTORATE</b>	Planning and Environmental Services
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Manager Economic Development
<b>POLICY</b>	Nil
<b>LEGAL</b>	Nil
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	Addition of \$1,020 to the \$5,000 already allocated by Council
<b>STRATEGIC LINK</b>	Community Strategic Plan
	2.1.1 Develop a diversified economy that is a balance of all economic contributors.
	2.1.3 Actively encourage new industry to set up in the area.
	2.3.3 Actively market the Gunnedah Shire as a destination and promote our band locally, regionally, nationally and internally.
	Operational Plan
	2.1.1.1 Review and prioritise implementation of actions in the Gunnedah Economic Development Strategy in consultation with the Council and drive delivery of agreed outcomes including a diversified and growing economy.
	2.1.3.1 Actively seek new business opportunities to assist in the expansion of existing businesses in the Shire by providing support, advice and marketing including provision of incentives through the Business Partner Program.
	2.3.3.1 Development and delivery of a Gunnedah Shire marketing and promotion strategy to encourage economic development, including the development of trade links to important markets.
<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	1. Draft Agenda for Delegation Visit
	2. Draft Budget
	3. Draft Sister City Agreement – UNDER SEPARATE COVER
	4. Correspondence from Yinzhou

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### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. Host the Yinzhou Government delegation during their visit to Gunnedah Shire during 14-15 September 2017.
  2. Agree to formally enter into a Sister City Relationship with Yinzhou and that this be formalised by co-signing Sister City documents by Yinzhou Government and Gunnedah Shire Council.
  3. Agree to fund accommodation for Yinzhou delegates, at a cost of \$1,020 additional to \$5,000 allocated in original budget assigned.
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### PURPOSE

Before Council can enter into a Sister City Relationship with the Yinzhou District of Ningbo, China, Council must first resolve to do so.

As a follow up from the March Trade and Investment mission, the signing of Friendly Relationship Exchange agreement by the Mayor, the next step in the development of the relationship with Yinzhou, will be to formally enter into a Sister City relationship. Six senior members of the Yinzhou Government have accepted the invitation from Gunnedah Shire Council and are travelling to Gunnedah with the intent to sign the Sister City documents formalising the relationship.

Further Council has been advised that it is culturally appropriate to pay for the accommodation of the Chinese delegation during their stay in Australia.

## **BACKGROUND**

Yinzhou District, China has a thriving economy characterised by large input and large output. Yinzhou has a population of 730,000 a GDP in 2015 was valued at more than \$27 billion and was over 15,000 industrial and commercial organisations. Economic development is the focus of Yinzhou, however education and tourism are also noted as key focuses.

Entering into a Sister City Agreement with Yinzhou would provide Gunnedah with strengthened economic and cultural ties to the region. Residents of Gunnedah would be able to seek deeper insight into the Chinese culture; this could have great benefits when engaging in tourism, as well as future business and cultural dealings.

## **COMMENTARY**

Estimated budget for the return delegation now exceeds \$5,000 due to the request to fund the delegation's accommodation.

As discussed elsewhere herein, Council has been advised that it is culturally appropriate to fund the accommodation of the delegation which will consist of six rooms for one night at an approximate cost of \$1,020. It is recommended that Council agree to fund this cost with the knowledge that Gunnedah delegation's to Yinzhou will be afforded a similar gesture.

It should be noted that the draft budget has been conservatively prepared and staff are actively looking for cost savings.

**Andrew Johns**  
**DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Yinzhou Government Delegation Agenda Planning****Date: 14-15<sup>th</sup> September****Location: Gunnedah****Chinese Delegates:**

Ms Lyu Hongqin, Mr. Li Mingyang, Mr. Xu Jiafeng, Mr. Fang Yi, Mr Pan Yuefeng, Ms..Wu Yaping

**Draft Agenda****Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

3pm - Arrive Tamworth VA 1153

4pm – Arrive Gunnedah

4:15pm Official photograph of Yinzhou delegates and Gunnedah Shire Councilors – afternoon tea to be provided

5pm – Leave delegates at Motel to get ready for dinner

6pm – collect delegates to take to dinner

6:30pm Welcome drinks and entertainment @ Gunnible

- Gomeroi Dance
- Wicks Family Whip Cracking

7:30pm Dinner at Gunnible

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

7:30am collect Yinzhou delegates from Motel

8am – Scenic aerial tour over Gunnedah shire

9.00am – Tour St Mary's School, meet students and Morning Tea

11.00am – Official Sister City ceremony (Wolseley Oval near Rotunda) –

*Ceremony Agenda*

- Welcome to Country
- Anthems
- Mayoral Speech
- Chinese Acceptance
- Signing of documents
- Tree Planting

12.00pm – BBQ lunch

1:30pm – leave for Tamworth airport

3:30pm - depart Tamworth VA 1154

**Draft Budget**

**Yinzhou Delegation**

Sep-17

Event	Supplier	Comments	PO Number	Forecast Cost	Actual
Dinner	Wicks Family Whip Cracking	Entertainment		\$ 200.00	
Dinner	Gomeroi Dance Company	Entertainment		\$ 960.00	
Dinner	TBA	Est Food and beverage Package with Wait staff \$85 per head for 30 ppl		\$ 2,550.00	
Lunch	BBQ Supplies			\$ 300.00	
Gifts	Various	Koala, Leather belt and commerative plaque		\$ 500.00	
Morning Tea	Cakes			\$ 120.00	
Transport		Fuel Cost		\$ 100.00	
Accomodation	TBA	6 rooms		\$ 990.00	
Town Tour	Scenic Aerial Tour of Gunnedah Shire	Fuel Cost		\$ 200.00	
Ceremony	Winanga-Li	Welcome to Country		\$ 100.00	
				\$ 6,020.00	

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亲爱的查菲先生

非常高兴收到您的来信，您和冈尼达贸易投资代表团在鄞州考察期间给我们留下了非常深刻的印象。

正如您来信所说，这次备忘录的签署，架起了我们两地间沟通合作的桥梁，必将促进两地间的支持和友谊。

冈尼达域内物产丰富，旅游资源发达，人民热情淳朴好客。我们两地之间有着诸多可供交流互鉴之处，在教育培训、农业、畜牧业、旅游业等领域都有着广阔的合作空间。

我和我的团队会在合适的时候到冈尼达来考察，并尽可能地吸引更多资源加入其中，共同推动双方贸易合作交流与发展。

希望经过我们双方精心培育和辛勤浇灌，两地友谊之树苗茁壮成长。衷心祝愿冈尼达郡建设事业取得更大成就！

最诚挚的问候

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Jamie Chaffey

Mayor of Gunnedah Shire

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Dear Mr. Chaffey,

It gave me great pleasure to receive your invitation. My colleagues and I have very clear memory of your delegation's visit to our district.

As you said, the memo serves as a bridge between us and will strengthen our friendship and mutual support.

Gunnedah is blessed with rich resources, strong tourism and, I must say, hospitable people. We have so much to learn from each other, and there is great room for cooperation in education, farming, animal husbandry, and tourism.

My colleagues and I will visit Gunnedah at the right time, and we will bring as many resources as possible to promote trade and cooperation between us.

I hope that our friendship will grow through joint efforts, and I hereby offer my best wishes for the development of Gunnedah.

Faithfully

Chen Guojun

Mayor

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