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2001 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ALGA)
AND CALL FOR MOTIONS
PROGRAM: GENERAL MANAGER

The National General Assembly of Local Government is to be held in Canberra from 25 to 28 November 2001.

The 2001 Assembly will deal with a wide range of issues of great importance to Australian Local Government with the title of the Conference being "Community Renewal – Citizens in Action". These issues include – productive diversity; National Action Plan for salinity and water quality; new urbanism; disaster risk management; e-government; transportation and asset.

Council has also been advised that motions should be received by the Assembly Secretariat by Monday, 1st October 2001 and should address national issues for Local Government; modify or add to the National Agenda for Australian Local Government; recommend priorities to be followed by ALGA in pursuit of the National Agenda or raise new items.

Each Council is entitled to one voting delegate at each Plenary Session. Councils will need to determine who will be their voting delegate. All motions adopted by the General Assembly will be put forward to the ALGA Annual General Meeting for further consideration.

Financial Impact Statement

Cost per registration is approximately \$675 plus cost of travel and accommodation charges.

Funds are available in Account A1001.084.

RECOMMENDATION

- A The Mayor and two interested Councillors with the General Manager attend the 2001 National Assembly of Local Government in Canberra.
- B Proposed Motions be provided to the General Manager by Friday, 14 September, for consideration by Council on Tuesday, 25 September, and forwarding to the ALGA by 1 October 2001.

GM.038 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) 2001 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS
PROGRAM: GENERAL MANAGER (GM.033)

Introduction

Council at its meeting held on Tuesday 7 August 2001 considered a report on the above and resolved in part :

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- A Councillors submit any proposed motions to be forwarded to the 2001 Local Government Association Annual Conference, to the General Manager no later than 17 August 2001.

Motions must be received by the Local Government Association by 5.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2001.

Motions

Two (2) proposed motions have been received being:-

- The Local Government and Shires Association support the introduction of a minimum 4 star rating in the Building Code of Australia (Councillor Preece).
- The Local Government Association Conference support a Central Coast based team in the National Rugby League competition (Joint motion by Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils).

Financial Impact Statement

The submission of these motions to the LGA Conference does not impact on Council's financial position.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's consideration.

**GM.039 2001/2002 SISTER CITY CULTURAL/SPORTING EXCHANGE PROGRAM
PROGRAM: GENERAL MANAGER****Background**

Council at its meeting held on Tuesday 25 July 2000 considered a report on the Sister City Cultural/Sporting Exchange Program and resolved as follows:-

- A A Sister City Cultural/Sporting Exchange policy be adopted incorporating the above criteria.
- B The annual allocation for Sister City Cultural/Sporting Exchanges be increased to \$6,000 per annum.
- C The Sister City Committee and SOAP be advised of the new policy relating to Sister City Cultural and Sporting Exchanges.
- D ***An additional point be added to the criteria listed in the report as follows:***

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- ***Council would also consider other applications from appropriate Gosford based sporting organisations that wish to undertake an exchange visit to Edogawa in the same year as the soccer group.***

Expressions of interest were called for 2001/2002 sponsorship under the Program and the applications were considered by the panel including Councillor Sansom, Councillor Bell and the General Manager.

Applications

Details of the applications received and the panel's comments are as follows :-

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RECEIVED SISTER CITY CULTURAL SPORTING EXCHANGE PROGRAM			
Received From	Purpose of Visit	Comment	Panel Comment
Gosford Sister City Association	"Life in Gosford" – A bilingual play comprised of the English and Slovakian language	First-hand opportunity for citizens of Gosford to exchange with Nitra which is relatively disadvantaged. This will be achieved through the process of life-style, musical knowledge and ongoing long-term electronic communication between the teenagers of both cities.	Concept supported. Does not meet criteria in following areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • < 12 members • Nitra not Edogawa
ACE Australia	Local School students visit to Edogawa to improve Japanese language skills and experience Japanese lifestyle and culture.	12 students and 3 teachers from Gosford to stay in Edogawa. Edogawa Homestay Club has accepted this request to visit Edogawa.	Concept supported and meets criteria.

Conclusion

The application from ACE Australia meets all criteria and involves a minimum of four (4) days in Edogawa.

The application submitted by the Gosford Sister City Association Inc is supported by the panel, however does not meet the criteria adopted by Council in the following areas:

Policy (attached)

Exchanges with Edogawa City (Sister City)

Minimum of 12 members

Application

Visit to Nitra (Sister City)

5 members

However the panel supports the proposal and believes it meets the intent of the policy being the promotion of exchanges with Council's Sister Cities.

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There were no applications received from sporting groups and hence it is felt that the \$6,000 should be allocated to the proposed cultural exchanges during 2001/2002.

Financial Impact Statement

The recommendation does not impact upon Council's financial position. Funds have been allocated for this Program (ie \$6,000 for Cultural/Sporting Exchange Sponsorship) in 2001/2002.

RECOMMENDATION

Sponsorship of \$3,000 be provided to each of the proposed exchanges from ACE Australia and the Gosford Sister City Association under the Sister City Cultural/Sporting Exchange Program.

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SISTER CITY CULTURAL/SPORTING EXCHANGE PROGRAM**C1.03****190.61.03**

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - CULTURAL PROJECTS

POLICY OBJECTIVES

To sponsor sporting and cultural exchanges between Gosford City and Edogawa City.

POLICY STATEMENT

Annually, an amount of \$6000 be made available for cultural/sporting exchanges with Edogawa City, with \$3000 being allocated for cultural exchanges and \$3000 for sporting exchanges.

CRITERIA

- 1 Council advertise annually in May for expressions of interest for applications from interested Gosford based sporting and cultural groups for sponsorship under this program.
- 2 If any funds are not allocated in a particular year then they be carried over for subsequent years.
- 3 Every second year, commencing the year 2000/2001, \$3000 be allocated to the Sister City Soccer Exchange which has been operating since 1989.

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- 4 The group must comprise of a minimum of twelve (12) members.
- 5 The group must stay in Edogawa for a minimum of three (3) nights.
- 6 The group must utilise clothing and/or equipment that identifies them as a Gosford City group visiting Edogawa City.
- 7 A report from the group is to be presented to Council within two weeks of its return from Edogawa.
- 8 Council would also consider other applications from appropriate Gosford based sporting organisations that wish to undertake an exchange visit to Edogawa in the same year as the soccer group.

DELEGATION

The General Manager be authorised to implement this policy.

(Minute No 164/2000 – 25 July 2000)

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