



**AGENDA FOR THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF SELWYN SISTER CITIES  
COMMITTEE**

**TO BE HELD IN THE  
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ROLLESTON**

**THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**COMMENCING AT 4:30PM**

# Sister City Committee 11 September 2025 - AGM

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROLLESTON  
ON TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 4.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Mesdames Rosanowski (Chairperson), Pascoe & Meares; Messrs Konijn and Coe;  
Councillor Mugford (online via Teams).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms T Davel (Senior Governance Advisor)

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received in respect of Mayor Broughton, Messrs. Russell, Payne, Woods,  
and Bigsby and Mesdames Walters and Hayakawa-Buist; and Councillor Gliddon.

**Moved** – Mrs Meares / **Seconded** – Mrs Pascoe

*‘That the Selwyn District Council Sister Cities Committee receives the apologies as notified.’*

**CARRIED**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the annual general meeting of the Selwyn District Council Sister Cities  
Committee held at Rolleston HQ on 31 July 2023**

**Moved** – Mrs Pascoe / **Seconded** – Mr Coe

*‘That the Sister Cities Committee confirms the minutes of the annual general meeting of  
the Selwyn District Council Sister Cities Committee held on 31 July 2023.’*

**CARRIED**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee Chairperson stepped aside for the first part of the elections, with the Deputy  
Chair presiding. Each recommendation was taken separately.

*‘That the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee resolve as follows in respect of each officer and  
representative:*

**Moved** – Mr Coe / **Seconded** – Mrs Meares

Mrs Allison Rosanowski be declared elected as the Chairperson of the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee;

*Mrs Rosanowski stepped back to the table and presided for the remainder of the meeting.*

**Moved** – Mrs Meares / **Seconded** – Mr Konijn

Councillor Bob Mugford be declared elected as a Deputy Chairperson of the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee; and

**Moved** – Mrs Meares / **Seconded** – Mr Coe

Mrs Judith Pascoe be declared elected as a Deputy Chairperson of the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee;

**Moved** – Mrs Rosanowski / **Seconded** – Mr Coe

Mrs Sumi Hayakaswa-Buist be declared elected as representative to the Japanese Sister City;

**Moved** – Mr Coe / **Seconded** – Mrs Meares

Mrs Allison Rosanowski be declared elected as representative to the Christchurch China Committee; and

**Moved** – Mrs Meares / **Seconded** – Mrs Pascoe

Mr Kelvin Coe be declared elected as second representative to the Christchurch China Committee;

**Moved** – Mrs Rosanowski / **Seconded** – Mr Coe

Councillor Bob Mugford be declared elected as Council representative noting that Council will be duly notified at the next Council meeting; and

**The Sister Cities Committee unanimously agreed to:**

*Accept the nominations of Messrs Bruce Russell and Calvin Payne as the Malvern Community Board representatives, noting that the Malvern Community Board will be duly notified at its next Board meeting;*

*Accept Mr Hugh Bigsby as the Lincoln University representative; and*

*Welcomes representatives from local school communities.'*

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Chairperson noted that Mr Bill Woods had resigned. The Committee agreed that the Chairperson should write to him to thank him for his inputs over many years. The letter should also thank Mr Woods for his contribution to New Zealand Sister Cities overall.

**Moved** – Mrs Pascoe / **Seconded** – Mr Coe

*'That the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee resolves that the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee (the committee) will consist of all those present including apologies.'*

**CARRIED**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Moved** – Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Mr Konijn

*'That the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee confirms the Annual Financial Report, as circulated.'*

**CARRIED**

## **ANNUAL PLAN OUTCOMES 2023 - 2024**

The Committee agreed the plan was thorough and that the Chairperson has put a lot of work into it. This is the plan that will go before Council later in the year. Mrs Pascoe suggested the plan for the next year should be set up now, and then added to as things happen.

**Moved** – Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Mrs Pascoe

*'That the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee:*

*a) confirms the Annual Plan Outcomes for 2023 - 2024, as circulated; and*

*b) agrees that the Chairperson would present the Annual Plan at a future Council meeting.'*

**CARRIED**

## CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairperson noted the committee would not be able to function if not for the members. She said Mrs Bernadette Ryan had been a faithful secretary over many years and will write her a thank you note from the Committee. Mrs Rosanowski also said she would find a date for the committee members to have a lunch in Springfield with Mr Woods, late September and it would be good if as many members as possible could attend.

Mrs Rosanowski also noted the committee needs to become a committee of council to have the standing required for overseas relationships.

Mrs Pascoe thanked the Chairperson for her hard work and said she continues to establish strong relationships within diverse communities.

**Moved** – Mrs Rosanowski / **Seconded** – Mrs Meares

*'That the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee:*

- a) receives the Chairperson's Annual Report for the 2023 – 2024 period;*
- b) agrees that the Chairperson would present the Annual Report at a future Council meeting; and*
- c) agrees that the Chairperson will write a formal letter of gratitude to Bernadette Ryan.'*

**CARRIED**

## DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2024 - 2025

Mr Coe said the rural Toraja Trust has been inactive and is being phased out. He was not sure the committee had contact with them any longer, but it does not stop the committee from keeping in contact.

**Moved** – Mr Coe / **Seconded** – Mr Konijn

*'That the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee:*

- a) receives the Draft Annual Plan for the 2024 – 2025 period; and*
- b) agrees that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson would present the Annual Plan at a future Council meeting.'*

**CARRIED**

With no further business being discussed, the meeting closed at 5.05pm.

DATED this                      day of                      2025

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**CHAIRPERSON**

# Selwyn Sister Cities

## Financial Statement

<b>Reconciliation of 2024/2025 Financial Year</b>	<b>\$</b>
Full year Budget 2024/2025	\$10,000
<b>Income</b>	
	<u>\$750</u>
Total Income to 30 June 2023	<u><u>\$750</u></u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Card	\$195
Catering	\$149
Gift	\$539
HomeStay	\$4,034
Insurance	\$242
Other	\$22
Plaque	\$1,325
Subscription	\$794
Visits	\$1,122
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Total Expenditure to 22 June 2023	<u><u>\$8,422</u></u>
<b>YTD Surplus / (Deficit) balance</b>	<b>\$2,328</b>



**Selwyn District Council Sister Cities Annual Plan Outcomes 2024- 2025**

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>
<b>With Council</b>	Annual plan, annual report, policy, finances, website development. Displays in libraries and Council HQ- Library, arts and heritage staff assistance with displays. Secretarial and financial assistance  Website development	Whole committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to report to Council - December 2024  Therese Davel currently assisting when able  Thomas Cockburn in Financial department  Communications staff	Council cost	Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson reported to Council December 2024  Secretarial support supplied when able to. Finance managed by Council staff.  Some website information sought by Council staff.
	Council International review	Begun by Sean Tully; being continued by Therese Davel. May meeting requested Chairperson with Karen Meares to meet with CEO to discuss Sister Cities.		Review process- Karen Meares and Chairperson meet with CEO. Committee meet with Nicola Sutton in January 2025. Review presented to Committee by Nicola Sutton May 2025- Mayor, CEO and Denise Kidd present. Future- confused messages from CEO

				prior to decision to delay until first quarter 2026.
<b>Akitakata</b>	Awaiting outcome of 2024 Mayoral election to re- establish links Support Darfield High School's relationship with two schools			Letter of congratulations sent to new Mayor. Chairperson and her husband visited in June 2025- met Mayor, Head of Education, Takamiya Junior High School Principal.
<b>Yubetsu - Malvern Community Board</b>	Support Malvern Community Board If Community Board disestablished take on the relationship with Council support  Coordinate with Community Board citizen's delegation to celebrate anniversary- with visit to Shandan  Display at Darfield Library continue unless Rewi Alley display needed.	Committee       Council Heritage and library staff with Malvern Community Board and interested committee members.	Travelled at own cost. Gift for Yebetsu paid by Malvern Community Board.	Malvern Community Board representative attended meetings.  25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in June in Yubetsu. Five Selwyn residents including two formwork Community Board members.  Display remains at Darfield Service Centre.
<b>Shandan and China</b>	Invite 5 Shandan Primary Principals or English teachers to visit Selwyn	Committee and Council staff with schools	Costs – accommodation for up	

	<p>and Malvern Sister Schools established in 2023- August 2025. Include Shandan Bailie Vocational College.</p> <p>Advertise for English teachers for Lanzhou City University and Shandan Bailie Vocational College</p>	<p>Council Call, Selwyn Times and NZ China Friendship Society newsletter</p>	<p>to 7 days – homestays provided by committee and schools Daily transport to schools, Tourist and Selwyn visits including Council HQ, Rolleston, jet boating, Christchurch city. Budget for transport using committee cars and local teachers for school visits; community van for other visits \$600; tourism \$600; farewell dinner \$650</p> <p>No cost</p>	<p>Did not visit in 2024-2025 year.</p> <p>A teacher joining Lanzhou City University in August 2024</p>
<b>Gansu Fellowship</b>	<p>Coordinate with Gansu Foreign Affairs; advertise to Council staff, plus in Malvern News, Selwyn Times and Ellesmere Echo. Shortlist, interview and select. Coordinate briefing with Christchurch China Committee.</p>	<p>Therese Davel, Hugh Bigsby, Kelvin Coe and Allison Rosanowski.</p>	<p>Gansu Foreign Affairs pays international travel and accommodation and activities in China. Recipient pays medical requirements, insurance, visa and travel to Auckland. Gifts- \$150</p>	<p>Lydia Gliddon selected- represents local government, small business, tourism and agriculture. Gansu Fellows briefing with Christchurch Gansu Fellow 14<sup>th</sup> August</p>

				June 2025 Gansu Fellowship Dr Lily Chin, a plant research scientist from Barenburg company was able to make contacts at Lanzhou University and on her return with Liu Lin, agriculture teacher from Shandan Bailie Vocational College.
<b>Teachers group to China 2025</b>	Coordinate with Shandan Bailie Vocational College for 10 Selwyn teachers to visit for 10 days September 2025 – organization in this financial year		Costs to schools and Shandan Bailie Vocational College in 2025 2026 financial year.	Did not occur.
<b>Citizens delegation to Shandan and Yebetsu</b>	May or September 2025 with possibility of individuals travelling to both Shandan and Yebetsu- or one. If Akitakata reestablished that may be included.		All travel at own expense .	Advertised and insufficient applicants. Cost internally in China quoted as \$2000.
<b>Invite Shandan to send an interpreter for three months to study at ARA</b>	To begin in February 2025	Liaise with Shandan Foreign affairs to coordinate protocols for selection.	Homestay 12 weeks at \$300 per week=\$3600 Weekly allowance \$50 = \$600 Bus fares 12 weeks @ \$20 = \$240 Tourist activities \$400 Farewell dinner \$350 <b>Total ` \$5190</b>	Liu Lin an agriculture teacher from Shandan Bailie Vocational school from April to early July. Her special research growing potatoes hydroponically. Studied English at AR fees free. A week at Darfield

			<b>Final cost</b>	High School and visited Lincoln University.
<b>Ongoing relationship with Chinese Consulate and Japanese Consulate</b>	As appropriate- support invitations extended from these organisations to events in Christchurch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National day celebration – China-September 2024</li> <li>- Chinese New Year celebrations February 2025</li> </ul>	Chairperson and Committee  Sumi Hayakawa- Buist for Japanese Consulate		Members attended Chinese New Year and National Day celebrations.
<b>Toraja</b>	September 2024 month long visit to work in Barana Senior Secondary school as a mentor. Early 2025 two month visit by second Selwyn resident to Barana. Organise for up to three ESOL teachers to work with Junior English teachers in September 2025.  Barana have requested a MOU.  Invite one Toraja teacher to spend two weeks in Selwyn schools in 2025.  Invite a Council delegation for 2025 following the November 2024 Indonesia Presidential election	Chairperson with Committee and Nick Kronjin. Advertising through Council Call.  Committee with Nick Kronjin  Kelvin Coe	Costs of international transport and accommodation paid by Barana school. Volunteers pay own insurance. Gifts and teaching materials- \$300  Two weeks homestay- \$600 Activities- \$500 Farewell dinner - \$400	Possible four recruits for 2025  Nick Kronjin spent a month in September 2024 Toraja working alongside teachers and students at Barana Christian Secondary School. Barana Contributed to his costs this year.  No visitors from Toraja this year.

	Continue to communicate with Canterbury Rural Toraja Trust.		Next Financial year	Visited Rolleston College to discuss ongoing relationship with Toraja .
<b>Coventry</b>	Communicate with Mayor, CEO and Education Director – Independence Day, Christmas. Endeavour to establish school links and a visit from Coventry	<b>Committee</b>		
<b>The Italian connection- Orsogna</b>	Up to Italian side to progress suggested relationship. Keep contact with Carlyle Irving and Mark Wilson local initiators. When developments happen request Mayor to liaise with Commander at Burnham Military camp.			
<b>Education</b>	Malvern Schools for Sister Schools visit- assistance  Rolleston College possible relationship with Shandan Number One Middle School  Introduce Lincoln University to Lanzhou City University	Committee with assistance from schools	Hugh Bigsby visiting in August 2024	Done.  Hugh Bigsby from Lincoln University made contact with Lincoln City University.

	Continue to investigate relationships for Selwyn High Schools with Coventry Senior High School			A delegation came to Selwyn and Christchurch in February.
<b>Outreach</b>	Work cooperatively with Christchurch China Committee. Hurunui District Council and Rewi Alley Foundation of NZ and Chinese Consulate and Springfield Township Committee for events and visitors to Rewi Alley Memorial Park in Springfield.	Council staff - ensuring Rewi Alley Park is tidy for events. Committee for event organization including food.	Costs per important visitor for ceremonial tree, plaque and catering \$2100  Expect two per year.	School group from Beijing- Hurunui's Sister City , visited Rewi Alley Park in August.  Greymouth John Paul 2 High School request for visit to Rewi Alley Memorial Park and information session organized by Chairperson when Council staff lacked expertise to do this.
<b>Selwyn Cultural Fest</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2024- Compulsory briefing 26 <sup>th</sup> August Lincoln	Committee assistance to transport display, setup and man for event.	Stall cost -nil	Successful event
<b>Kunming Friendly Cities Conference</b>	November 2024	Chairperson attended plus Deputy Chairperson who went as part of Chch China Committee delegation	Chairperson paid own expenses including travel and insurance.	Christchurch won an award.
<b>Christchurch China Committee</b>	Work together on functions, activities Supply two Selwyn Committee members to Christchurch China Committee			Meetings attended often by Teams Meet.

	<p>One Christchurch China Committee member on Selwyn Sister City Committee</p> <p>Support Chinese New Year celebrations</p>			<p>December 2024- Gansu delegation to Rewi Alley Memorial Park, Cr Lydia Gliddon's farm and dinner at Café on the Green at request of Christchurch China Committee and Christchurch International Staff.</p> <p>Chch China did not attend New Year celebrations because of high costs.</p>
<b>Sister City Garden- Levi Park</b>	Continue to engage with Council staff on planning for Sister City garden.	Committee with Phillip Miller from Council a former Gansu Fellow.		
<b>Rewi Alley Foundation of NZ</b>	Maintain relationship for mutually beneficial activities including exploring the Children's University – Rewi Alley trail	Chairperson and Committee	Costs borne by Rewi Alley Foundation of NZ	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Christchurch branch of NZ China Friendship Society</b>	Supply articles and employment opportunities for their newsletter			When joint activities.
<b>NZ Global Cities</b>	Retain membership	Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson		Membership \$793.50



	Supply articles of activities for Global Cities newsletter			Published
	Regional seminar in Christchurch in September 2024			
<b>Website</b>	Seek Council assistance to develop website	Sarah Walters with Council Communications staff		Little progress with Council staff Ongoing efforts required after Completion of Review
<b>Sister City gifts</b>	Purchase as required for visiting groups and main gifts for Sister City residents representing Selwyn overseas. Emphasis on locally produced gifts.  Gifts should be catalogued for display	Chairperson and Deputies  Culture and heritage team along with Committee	\$800	
<b>Budget</b>	Have requested inflation proofing for last seven years	This Committee's work is heavily subsidized by members for homestays, transport of guests, catering, secretarial work, gifts.	<b>\$14,783.50</b>	No Change

**Budget \$10,000 from Council plus unspent donations of...**

**Total Spent - \$8,422 including \$4276 for Shandan Fellow.**

**Plaque for Rewi Alley Memorial Park for Chinese Minister of International Relations \$1,325- visit was previous financial year but time to get plaque made and installed.**

## **Selwyn Sister Cities Chairperson's Annual Report 2024-2025**

Thank you to all members of this Committee for the many ways you all support the activities of this Selwyn Sister City Committee. The many voluntary hours given is essential to ongoing Selwyn Sister City relations.

First, I would like us to reminder Bill Woods a long-time member of this committee who was instrumental in establishing the relationships in Akitakata, Yebetsu and Coventry. His work as President of NZ Sister Cities meant that he was able to develop many international contacts.

This year the long-standing review process and the lack of understanding of the value to Selwyn and its residents has been upsetting and challenging. Your voluntary hours and money spent, providing transport, activities and travel as well as secretarial work are not understood by some. Nor is the importance of people-to-people relationships. Sister City relationships are more than economic. There seems to be a misunderstanding by some Council staff that Shandan, as part of Gansu Province is small. Gansu has a population of 25 million and we are aligned with Gansu Foreign Affairs.

As Chairperson I see no reason why the work of this committee can not continue using the present model. There does not need to be one size fits all under Local Body regulations. There can be opportunities to expand the number of Sister Cities into new areas. Other districts who have successful Sister City relationships have staff with international portfolios, who support their Sister Cities and local volunteers.

This is Bob Mugford's final term as our Council appointed member. Thank you, Bob for the many ways you have worked to enhance these relationships both internationally and within the Council and community.

China has again been our most frequently observed relationship. In September Councillor Lydia Gliddon spent 20 days in Gansu Province as the Gansu Fellow. Gansu Fellow. Unusually we had two Gansu Fellows in this financial year as the 2005 Fellowship was offered in June, instead of the normal September date. Dr Lily Chin, as a plant research scientist has been able to make some useful connections as an outcome of her 20 days in Gansu Province.

Liu Lin, our Shandan Fellow, was able to visit Lincoln University and make contact with Dr Chin. She is an agriculture teacher at Shandan Bailie Vocational College and is experimenting with growing potatoes hydroponically. Thank you to Committee members who took Liu Lin on outings.

Madam He Ying, the Chinese Consul General works tirelessly to promote relationships. This included an invitations to celebrations to mark Chinese National Day and Chinese New Year.

We were able to recruit a teacher for Lanzhou City University.

Shandan's request to bring a group of young agriculture workers did not happen as many of the names suggested did not meet the criteria.

In December, the Selwyn Committee hosted a Gansu delegation to the Rewi Alley Memorial, to Councillor Lydia Gliddon's farm and for dinner at The Café on the Green. This involvement was at the request of the Christchurch China Committee and the Christchurch City Council International department.

I was able to attend, at my own expense, a conference of Friendly Cities in Kunming in south eastern China in November 2024. Our Deputy Chairperson, Judith Pascoe also attended as a member of the Christchurch China Committee delegation. The emphasis on green environments in cities was significant including in some cities having green spaces no further than a five minute walk from residences.

Sister City member, and retired teacher Nick Kronjin, spent a month in Toraja based at Barana Christian Secondary School working to enhance the English environment for teachers and students. Thank you Nick for again giving your time and expertise so generously.

The connections with the Malvern Community Board have been strengthened mainly due to the work of Community Board member, Calvin Payne. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, in Yubetsu, in June, were attended by five Selwyn residents including two former Community Board members. The programme included visits to local scallop processing and dairy businesses, a school visit, viewing the ultra-marathon, tree planting and a formal dinner. Although Yubetsu's population is small the value they place on their international relationships is high.

I was able to make a short visit to Akitakata in June and Paul and I met the new Mayor and Takamiya Junior High School Principal. Despite their shrinking rural population the Council maintains three staff devoted to international relationships including an English and a Portuguese speaker. There was strong evidence of small solar power farms through the rural area.

We continue to communicate with Coventry officials for important milestones.

The ongoing relationships with Christchurch China Committee, Hurunui District Council, Rewi Alley Foundation of NZ and NZ China Friendship Society are positive. On 29th November 2025 The Rewi Alley Foundation of NZ will launch the Rewi Alley Trail as part of the Children's University sponsored by Canterbury and Lincoln University. The new Rewi Alley Museum in Christchurch is expected to open on 20<sup>th</sup> November. It is a joint venture between Christchurch China Committee, NZ China Friendship Society and the Chinese Consulate.

Local Media including Malvern News, Selwyn Times and Ellesmere Echo have published numerous articles on the activities of this committee. Global Cities NZ newsletter also accepts articles for publication.

Culture Fest each September gives a wider audience an insight into Sister City relationships.

We are indebted to Therese Davel for her work for this committee when her workload allows this.

It is my considered view that Selwyn Council and residents receive significant value from the established Sister City Relationships. The cost to the Council is minimal as most of the work is undertaken by volunteers. It is essential for the mana of international relationships that the MOU's and agreements remain with the Council. We look forward to a positive way forward with Council staff and Councillors.

Allison Rosanowski  
Selwyn District Council Sister City Chairperson

### Selwyn District Council Sister Cities Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026

**This plan is presented in the view that the Selwyn District Council Sister Committee continues to be a Council entity in the way it has been in the past. The suggestion of some Council staff that all committees have to be in a one size fits all is not required under Local Body legislation.**

Relationship	Activities	Responsibility	Cost	Out comes
With Council	<p>Annual plan, Annual report, policy, finances, website development.</p> <p>Cultural and heritage staff and Library staff – displays in libraries, council HQ</p> <p>Secretarial and Financial assistance</p> <p>Website development</p> <p>Council international review – with Nicola Sutton, CEO, Mayor and new Councillors</p> <p>Remind Council staff and councillors that Sister City relationships are people to people relationships and economic relationships develop over time but are secondary. MOU and Sister City agreements have been signed by Mayors. International Sister City relationships must be Council ones. Day to day management by</p>	<p>Whole committee</p> <p>Chairperson and Deputy</p> <p>Chairperson to report to Council December 2005.</p>		<p>To date Chairperson met with Sean Tully, then Therese Davel. Karen Meares and Allison Rosanowski meet with CEO.</p> <p>Whole Committee meet with Nicola Sutton, Denise Kidd, CEO and Mayor to view Review Document.</p> <p>Conflicting messages about short term future.</p>

	Council committee with volunteers is acceptable to overseas partners.			
<b>Akitakata</b>	Peace Day Message sent Support Darfield High School's relationship with Yoshida High School. Allison Rosanowski and husband Paul visited in June 2005- meet new Mayor and many friends.			Declining rural population. Over 500 Council employees. Many small solar power farms on rural land.
Yubetsu and Malvern Community Board	Worked with Community Board to advertise for Selwyn residents to travel to Yebetsu to celebrate 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  Yubetsu student group visiting Darfield 5 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Malvern Community Board and Sister City Committee	Community Board supplied Gift.	Judith Pascoe, worked with Rob Lawrence and Community Board especially Calvin Payne. Very successful anniversary visit by Judith Pascoe and Karen Meares, former Community Board members, Allison Rosanowski, Sister City Chairperson and husband Paul with Sumi Hayakawa- Buist the essential liaison person. Declining rural population. Very active Council socially, economically and culturally. Local body elections October 2025.

	MFAT Japan- November 2025 conference at Lake Akan in Hokkaido-geothermal area. They suggest they will visit Yubestu.			
<b>Shandan, Gansu and China</b>	<p>Mayor and Chairperson invited to Dunhuang Cultural Festival October 2025</p> <p>Invite Shandan Bailie Vocational College to visit for Rewi Alley anniversary 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – contact with ARA, Malvern schools, Barenburg, sheep farming, tourism</p> <p>Investigate Selwyn visit to Shandan and Gansu province in September 2026- focus Agriculture research, tourism , education, water management. Gansu Province has a population of 25 million.</p>	Committee	<p>Homestay no costs; van and activities \$1000</p> <p>Selwyn residents pay own costs except Council gift</p>	Declined invitation
<b>Gansu Fellowship</b>	2025 Fellowship was earlier than usual- June	Committee with subcommittee for interviews		Dr Lily Chin from Barenbrug Research facility – made contacts with plant researchers in Lanzhou University and on her return with Shandan Bailie agriculture teacher ( who was sponsored to ARA by Sister

	Recruiting for 2026 Gansu Fellowship if at earlier date than usual September date			City Committee doing research in growing potatoes.
<b>Chinese Consul General relationship</b>	<p>July commemoration event to mark end of WW2 in China at Springfield with Consulate, Hurunui District Council, NZ China Friendship Society, Christchurch China Committee</p> <p>Film event- The Sinking of Lisbon Maru</p>	<p>Invitations to Selwyn people from Chairperson- 43 affirmative replies. Lunch organized by Karen Meares. Assisted by Springfield Township Committee and Springfield PTA</p>	In excess of \$4000- paid by Consulate	<p>Attendance of 130 people Karen Meares assisted by Springfield PTA catered lunch Graeme Dawson and Springfield Township Committee assisted the furniture</p> <p>Three attended</p>
<b>Christchurch China Committee</b>	Ongoing support for their activities including development of Rewi Alley Museum in Christchurch			Expected opening November 20 <sup>th</sup> 2025
<b>Toraja</b>	Invite either a teacher to visit for PD for two weeks or new Barana Headmaster and new Bupati-	Teacher visit cooperate with Rolleston College	Two weeks homestay \$700	



	<p>education, waste management, tourism management, horticulture</p> <p>If invited recruit to send up to two teachers to Toraja to assist with English language development in September 2026.</p> <p>Investigate a Selwyn delegation to Toraja for September 2026.</p>	<p>Committee to organize homestay and programme.</p> <p>Committee to recruit.</p> <p>Committee</p>	<p>Activities- \$500 Farewell dinner and gifts \$400</p> <p>Gifts</p> <p>Delegation pay own costs except Council gift</p>	
<b>Coventry</b>	Continue to communicate with Mayor, CEO, Education Director for Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas to revitalize the relationship	Chairperson with secretarial assistance		
<b>The Italian Connection- Orsogna</b>	Italian side has not progressed the relationship. Carlyle Irving and Mark Wilson the local initiators. Burnham Military Commander amenable.			
<b>Cultural Fest</b>	September 14 <sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Events Centre participation	Committee activity		

<b>Education</b>	<p>Greymouth John Paul 11 High School History students – studying Rewi Alley for NCEA History Level 2 and 3</p> <p>Continue relationship with Selwyn Schools – Rolleston College and Toraja</p> <p>All schools – for information pertinent- WW2 commemoration event at Springfield August 2025</p> <p>Malvern Primary Schools – Rewi Alley Curriculum assistance- ongoing</p>			<p>July 2025 visit to Rewi Alley Memorial Park – Allison Rosanowski and Bernard Duncan Selwyn Sister City Committee</p> <p>Schools attended – Springfield primary School, Darfield High School, Rolleston College, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School</p> <p>Allison- provided Information including Rewi Alley Foundation Rewi Alley trial</p>
<b>Outreach</b>	Through Local media, Global Cities Newsletter. Followup residents who live in Selwyn from our Sister Cities or those interested in Sister City activities.	Committee		
<b>Sister City garden Levi Park</b>	With Council staff- survey results demonstrated an appetite for Sister City garden.			
<b>Cooperation with other entities- Rewi Alley Foundation of</b>	Children's University Rewi Alley Trail launch 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2025			

<b>NZ, Christchurch branch of NZ China Friendship Society, Christchurch China Committee</b>	Rewi Alley Museum opening 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Chinese Consulate also contributing  Many activities- visits, requests for assistance come at short notice.			
<b>NZ Global Cities</b>	Continue membership Send articles for newsletter			Articles submitted- Greymouth's John Paul 2 Gansu Fellowship WW2 Commemoration event
<b>Media</b>	Local Selwyn media including Malvern News, Selwyn Times, Ellesmere Echo. Global Cities newsletter			To date – published – Greymouth John Paul College, Gansu Fellowship, WW 2 Commemoration.
<b>Website</b>	Need assistance from Communications staff and overseas partners for translating.	Council staff along with Committee		
<b>Sister City Gifts</b>	Purchase as required			
<b>Review process</b>	Must ensure that new Council reinstates Sister City Committee at their October meeting- procedural. And that a Councillor is appointed as Council representative on Committee with minimum of Deputy <b>Chairperson status.</b>	Therese, CEO and Mayor		
<b>Budget</b>	Ten year plan has same level of funding as last ten years- review needed. Currently \$10,000 per year.	Council appointee.		