



Program

*The Victorian Sister Cities Forum
Queens Hall, Parliament House
Wednesday 18 July 2018*

8.30 am **Registration**

9.00 am **Welcome Addresses**

*The Hon Bruce Atkinson MLC
President of the Legislative Council*

*The Hon Colin Brooks MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*

*Bill Wilson
President of Sister Cities Australia*

9.15 am ***The importance and changing nature of sister-cities,
how to make the most of these, why have them***

Part A: The Cultural Assets of Sister City Relationships

*Dr Bulent (Hass) Dellal AO
Executive Director, Australian Multicultural Foundation
Chairman, Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)*



9.45 am ***Part B: The Economic Benefits of Sister City Relationships***

*Dr Vasilis Sarafidis
Associate Professor
Econometrics & Business Statistics
Monash University*

10.15 am ***International Relations/Cooperation: The Diversity of
Sister-City Relationships and Associated Challenges***

*Kazuyoshi Matsunaga
Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne*

10.30 am ***Morning Tea***

10.50 am ***Q&A: Local Government Collaboration***

*Cr Mary Lalios
President
Municipal Association of Victoria*

*Cr Angela Altair
Mayor
Hobson Bay City Council*

*Cr David Pollard
Mayor
Buloke Shire Council*

*Cr Bernadene Voss
Mayor
City of Port Phillip*

*Cr Ron Ismay
Mayor
Hindmarsh Shire Council*



- 11.30 am** **Case Study 1 – City of Melbourne**
Melbourne’s Business and Civic Successes
with its International Partners
D’Arcy Butler
Business Development Officer
International and Civic Services
- 11.50 am** **Case Study 2 – City of Greater Dandenong**
Local Opportunities for Economic Relationships,
How and Why?
Paul Kearsley
Group Manager
Greater Dandenong Business
- 12.10 pm** **Case Study 3 – City of Frankston**
The Community Based Model
Cr Colin Hampton
Mayor
City of Frankston
Peter Patterson
Chairperson
Frankston Susono Friendship Association
- 12.30 pm** **Case Study 4 – Study Tour to Dali China**
Cr Mark Eckel
Mayor
Mildura Rural City Council



12.40 pm **Case Study 5 – Creating Value
Sister City Engagement and Activation**

*Ningning Zhang
Chair
Bendigo Sister Cities Committee*

12.50 pm **Case Study 6 – Sister-Schools Model**

*Dr Vivianne Nikou
Principal
Alphington Grammar School*

1.00 pm **Q&A and Summing Up**

*Bill Wilson
President
Sister Cities Australia*

1.30 pm **Conclusion of Forum**

***Christina Despoteris
Executive Member
Sister Cities Australia and
Co-ordinator of the Victorian Forum
will be introducing the speakers***

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