

ITEM 10

ATTENDANCE AT THE 2019 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT & MAYORS' FORUM IN BRISBANE

The 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum will be held in Brisbane from 7 to 10 July 2019. This report provides details of the Forum and recommends the attendance of the Lord Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the attendance of the Lord Mayor at the 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum in Brisbane from 7 to 10 July 2019.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Governance and Customer Service
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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum (APCS) brings together government and business representatives to identify options for strengthening city governance. It is also an opportunity to promote engagement and economic growth between regions.

The 2019 APCS will focus on four themes for cities – innovation, mobility, liveability and sustainability.

The program includes internationally renowned speakers and facilitated sessions on each of the conference themes. Subject to approval to attend, the Lord Mayor has been invited to speak at the 2019 APCS on goals outlined in *Our Wollongong 2028* that focus on liveability outcomes, opportunities and challenges.

The APCS was last hosted in Brisbane in 2015 and 1,300 delegates from 135 cities attended, including 93 Mayors representing a global community of more than 134 million people.

The Councillor Expense and Facilities Policy requires any applications for interstate travel to be made through a report to Council.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Goal 4 from *Our Wollongong 2028*: *We are a connected and engaged community*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated total cost for the Lord Mayor to attend the 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum is \$2,206. This includes registration cost (\$1250), return flights from Sydney to Brisbane (\$296) and accommodation for three nights (\$660). Minor incidental expenses may also be incurred.

CONCLUSION

Attending the 2019 Asia Pacific Summit and Mayors' Forum will allow the Lord Mayor to engage with leaders from across the region and highlight opportunities and challenges for Wollongong in regards to innovation, mobility, liveability and sustainability.