

## ITEM 9

## LORD MAYOR - ATTENDANCE AT 2023 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT AND MAYORS' FORUM IN BRISBANE

The 2023 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum is one of the largest gatherings of civic and business leaders in the region. This report recommends attendance by the Lord Mayor at the Forum.

### RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the Lord Mayor's attendance at the 2023 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum in Brisbane from 11 to 13 October 2023.

### 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 2023 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum is one of the largest gatherings of civic and business leaders in the region. The Summit in Brisbane usually attracts more than 1,000 mayors and delegates representing over 130 international cities. The themes for the 2023 summit are:

- Cities of Connection - Technology, data and the people
- Cities of Sustainability - Adapting to growth, inclusivity and wellbeing
- Cities of Legacy - Creating events for prosperity and longevity

The program includes internationally renowned speakers and facilitated sessions on each of the themes. 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 Our Wollongong 2032 Goal 2. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan 2032	Delivery Program 2022-2026
Strategy	Service
2.3 Increase and attract new business investment and enterprise to Wollongong while supporting and growing existing local businesses.	Deliver the Economic Development Strategy 2019-2029

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost for the Lord Mayor to attend the 2023 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum is \$3,105. This includes registration cost (\$1,500), return flights from Sydney to Brisbane (\$390) and accommodation for three nights (\$1,215). Minor incidental expenses may also be incurred.

### CONCLUSION

The 2023 Asia Pacific Summit and Mayors' Forum is an opportunity for the Lord Mayor to promote Wollongong by engaging with civic and business leaders from Australia and across Asia. It brings together municipal leaders as well as General Managers/CEO's to learn the about latest trends and opportunities in managing cities.