

The Agreement Formally Acknowledging the 35th Anniversary of
the Sister City Affiliation between
The City of Ballarat and The Town of Inagawa

The City of Ballarat, the State of Victoria, Australia and the Town of Inagawa Hyogo Prefecture, Japan have engaged in many cultural and educational activities in the spirit of friendship, freedom and peace for thirty five years after initiating a Sister City Agreement on the 1 August, 1988.

The City of Ballarat and the Town of Inagawa have committed to strengthening the relationship between our respective cities and communities and will continue to promote cultural opportunities as they arise.

As a critical element of the 35th Anniversary Celebrations, the Town of Inagawa will receive a delegation from the City of Ballarat. This opportunity will be used to acknowledge the mutual friendship and respect which has been demonstrated through a range of projects and activities undertaken over the last thirty five years and will further commit to working together to protect and enhance that relationship as we adjust and adapt to an ever-changing International climate.

We commit to strengthening our precious Sister City relationship in the following 4 strategic areas:

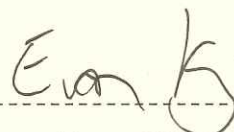
1. Promote international education by continuing exchange student programs from each city. These students will be encouraged to become goodwill ambassadors and promote the understanding of each other's culture and history.
2. Encourage an increased awareness of each other's culture through the mutual exchange of artwork.
3. Investigate opportunities for economic exchange and development of mutually beneficial economic activities.
4. Encourage tourism between our cities through further information exchange and development of ideas including a focus on mining history.

In this 35th year of our Sister City alliance we celebrate our many achievements and successes but are also mindful of the challenges of the future. The strength and goodwill of our unique relationship are the foundation stones for future growth and prosperity. We acknowledge not only the support of the Inagawa and Ballarat town halls, but the many and significant contributions of our respective communities.

In confirmation of the above, this agreement is signed on 3rd August 2023.



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