



**Macedon
Ranges**
Shire Council

Sister City Agreement **2020 - 2024**



Sister City Relationship Action Plan

The aim of the action plan is to promote and enhance the Sister City relationship.

In addition to the official actions outlined below, Tokai City Council and Macedon Ranges Council will commit to continue to identify activities, common to the needs of our communities, which can generate new initiatives to further economic, social and cultural exchange. Activities will be implemented annually through mutual discussion and agreement, aligned with respective budgetary processes.

Year	Actions	
Year 1 2019-20 (July 2019- June 2020)	2019 July– 2020 March	Overseas learning experience project (student exchange) Student exchange with Braemar College and Tokai schools, homestay experience and courtesy visit to Mayor. Encourage schools across the Macedon Ranges to form relationships with Tokai schools through the exchange of art, literacy and local life.
	2020 June	Cultural Exchange Tokai artist to perform at an arts festival in the Macedon Ranges Include an open-air tea culture and community celebration. Tokai to contribute a tea set.
	2020 May – August (3 weeks)	
	2019 July – 2020 March	Community-based actions Investigate opportunities for community members and businesses to be involved in exchanges in culture, sport and industry Exchange information in those areas.

Year 2 – 2020-21 (July 2020- June 2021)	2020 July – 2021 March	Overseas learning experience project Continue exchange program with Braemar College. Support schools from the Macedon Ranges to develop and enhance their relationships with Tokai schools.
	2020 August	Sports Exchange Macedon Ranges delegation to visit Tokai City. A tournament will be held with Tokai and Macedon Ranges
	2020 July – 2021 March	Community-based actions Continue opportunities for community members and businesses to be involved in exchanges in culture, sport and industry. Exchange information in those areas.
	July 2020 – March 2021 July 2020 – October 2021 July 2020 – March 2021 2020 December – 2021 March	Macedon Ranges to host a short term staff exchange and delegation from Tokai Staff exchange will be undertaken to investigate opportunities to deepen the sister city relationship. This may relate to any of the key components of the relationship; culture, education or commerce.
Year 3 – 2021-22 (July 2021- June 2022)	2021 July – 2022 March	Overseas learning experience project Continue exchange program with Braemar College. Support schools from the Macedon Ranges in their relationships with Tokai schools.
	2021 July – 2022 March	Community-based actions Continue opportunities for community members and businesses to be involved in exchanges in culture, sport and industry Exchange information in those areas
Year 4 – 2022-23 (July 2022- June 2023)	2022 July – 2023 March	Overseas learning experience project Continue exchange program with Braemar College. Support schools from the Macedon Ranges in their relationships with Tokai schools.
	2022 July – 2023 March	Community-based actions Continue opportunities for community members and businesses to be involved in exchanges in culture, sport and industry Exchange information in those areas



Year 5 – 2023-24 (July 2023- June 2024)	2023 July – 2024 March	Overseas learning experience project Continue exchange program with Braemar College. Support schools from the Macedon Ranges in their relationships with Tokai schools.
	2023 July – 2024 March	Community-based actions Continue opportunities for community members and businesses to be involved in exchanges in culture, sport and industry Exchange information in those areas
	May 2024	Tokai City to host a short term staff exchange and delegation from Macedon Ranges To coincide with the staff exchange program, a delegation of officials from the Macedon Ranges will visit Tokai City to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the Sister City Relationship Agreement and 55th anniversary of municipal of Tokai City. Part of this celebration will be to review and sign a new agreement.



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