2018-2019 SUNSHINE COAST INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS PROGRAM

Outbound International Missions

Mission Description	Destination (s)	Objectives	Rationale	Scheduled Time Period	Council representative	Estimated cost for Council representatives
Sunshine Coast Trade Mission	Hong Kong China	 To develop and promote the region's export capabilities (goods and services) To foster regional access to the largest international growth market for Australia. To establish networks of significant business and other contacts. 	 This mission is timed to enable_delegates to attend the inaugural China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai. To leverage off the goodwill and connections associated with Council's Sister City relationship with Xiamen To prepare exporters for the anticipated export opportunities associated with the opening of international routes from the Sunshine Coast Airport expansion in 2020 The following government agencies and Chambers of Commerce have offered to assist in regard to identification of key meetings and arrangements in market: QLD Government Trade and Invest Commissioner, Hong Kong The Xiamen Municipal Government Foreign Affairs Office AustCham Shanghai 	November 2018.	 Councillor¹ Council officer 	\$16,000
Sunshine Coast Business Mission	United States of America	To promote the region's export capabilities (goods and services) To establish networks and innovation partners in ecosystems that have demonstrated success. To establish networks of significant business and other contacts.	 This provides a follow up visit to Council Officer's participation in the Start-up Catalyst Mission to Boulder in 2018 and provides the opportunity to further investment leads and the development of the regional innovation ecosystem To explore the potential of a formalised relationship between Boulder and Sunshine Coast local government authorities To attend meetings in respect of Council's regional economic and innovation ecosystem development programs for 2018/19 	March 2019	Councillor¹ Council officer	\$20,000
Sunshine Coast Trade and Investment Mission	Singapore Hong Kong Japan	To establish networks of significant business and investment contacts. To promote opportunities for business location and investment on the Sunshine Coast as a result of securing an international broadband submarine cable To generate investment and/or participant interest in the Maroochydore City Centre precincts.	source of Foreign Direct Investment into Australia	May 2019	Mayor Council Officer	\$32,000
					TOTAL	\$68,000

Note 1: As per the International Relations Policy, the Chief Executive Officer will consult with all Councillors to determine who will lead this mission.