

# BRIDGE of FRIENDSHIP



BUSSELTON & SUGITO CELEBRATING  
**20 YEARS** OF SISTER CITY FRIENDSHIP 1996-2016



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BUSSELTON AND SUGITO SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION INC.





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# PREFACE

## **BUSSELTON AND SUGITO SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION (BASSCA)**

**Promoting mutual understanding, goodwill and friendship between the people of Busselton and Sugito.**

Busselton, Western Australia has enjoyed a sister city relationship with Sugito, Japan since 1996. This connection is essentially cultural with people from both towns enjoying bi-ennial community exchanges, annual school exchanges and occasional specific interest exchanges, such as the Japanese gardeners who established a traditional Japanese garden for Busselton.

The relationship is managed by the Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association (BASSCA), a volunteer organisation comprising approx 70 members. The Association has a very active committee of 12 members who meet once a month and are responsible for organising the various exchanges.

BASSCA's responsibilities also cover a variety of other Sister City related activities including the management of the Japanese Friendship Garden and Sugito Gift Displays.

Membership of BASSCA is open to all residents of the City of Busselton and companies, associations or clubs with an interest in promoting the objectives of BASSCA.

Residents with Japanese language skills who are willing to volunteer their time to assist with visits from Sugito are always very appreciated by BASSCA.



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# FOREWORD

The privilege of “people to people” citizen diplomacy was the guiding principle for the foundation of the sister cities movement in 1956 by former US President Dwight D Eisenhower. The friendship, trust, mutual respect and understanding between the citizens of Busselton and Sugito since the inception of our sister city relationship in 1996 is due to the commitment of many citizens over 20 years and the embodiment of this principle.

The formalization of the sister city relationship in Sugito on 19th November, 1996 was the beginning of a very active series of exchanges over 20 years of community citizens, students, art and culture. Within the state of Western Australia, Busselton stands out as one of the most actively engaged sister city partners.

Tears of sadness at each student farewell have become the hallmark of the student exchange program in contrast to the nervousness of meeting host families upon arrival in Busselton each August. Relationships and trust are created and transformed in the week or so the Sugito students enjoy homestay, attendance at schools and excursions.

The hope is that for some students, both Japanese and Australian, the cultural exchange will be life changing or at least guide understanding and respect for cultures and peoples as they journey through life.

My own journey into the world of Japanese culture, language and friendship began with the hosting of two students in 1970 on the Geraldton Kobe Lions Club program. At every chapter in my life's story, the decision to participate in student and university exchange programs to Japan in my late teens and early twenties has enriched my life beyond any expectation of the young girl living on a farm in the mid west of Western Australia.

As Busselton and Sugito celebrate 20 years of sister city friendship it is my fervent wish that all who have been involved in the relationship have gained some personal and community benefit from shared experiences, friendships and understanding.

We are indebted to the founders of our sister city relationship and all who have been involved over 20 years for their commitment and belief in the benefits of mutual international understanding.



**Pauline Vukelic**

Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association  
*President 2015 - present*



**Grant Henley**  
**Mayor of Busselton**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of our sister city relationship with the Town of Sugito. It is a great achievement and I extend my thanks to all those who have helped strengthen the relationship over the years.

The enduring nature of the Busselton-Sugito Sister City relationship is testament to the value both our communities place upon encouraging global awareness and cultural sensitivity.

The Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association and the Sugito International Association have provided opportunities for countless individuals from both nations to immerse themselves in cultural exchange. It has fostered life-long friendships, facilitated the exchange of ideas and encouraged people to expand their beliefs.

On behalf of the City of Busselton community, I congratulate the residents of Sugito on this wonderful anniversary milestone. As a community, we look forward to many more years of solid, dependable friendship with the people of Sugito.

I also offer sincere congratulations on the 400th Anniversary of Sugito, the fifth station on the Nikko Kaido road between Nihonbashi in Tokyo and Nikko.



**Matsuo Furuya**  
**Sugito Mayor**

姉妹都市提20周年を迎えて

## 古谷 松雄

Matsuo Furuya

杉戸町長（2009年7月27日～現在）

バスセルトン市との姉妹都市交流が20周年を迎えられましたことは、ひとえに協定締結に向けてご尽力いただいた両都市の諸先輩方、そして交流にご参加くださった多くの皆様のご支援によるものと心より感謝申し上げます。

共に歩んできた信頼と、国境を越えた心の絆をに、これからも未来へと向けた姉妹都市交流のビジョンを、一緒に描いてまいりたいと考えています。

This year, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Busselton City and Sugito town sister city exchanges.

This is due to the citizens of the two cities and many people who supported and committed their effort towards the agreement, and also people who have participated in the exchanges.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank everyone for the all the guidance and support.

We hope to continue sharing the vision of our sister city relationship into the future together, with the trust and the bonds of mutual understanding beyond the borders which we have shared.



**Colin Barnett MLA**  
**Premier Of Western Australia**

Western Australia and Japan have developed a dynamic friendship, stemming from a prosperous trade partnership that was formed in the 1960s.

This year Western Australia celebrates the 35th Anniversary of our sister state relationship with Japan's Hyogo Prefecture. Established in 1981, this is Western Australia's oldest sister state relationship, and was based on the strong trade partnership between Western Australia's iron ore sector and Hyogo's steel industry.

In addition to this sister state relationship, Western Australia's close friendship with Japan has grown over the years with another nine sister city relationships between Western Australian local governments and Japanese cities, along with two sister port relationships.

This year the City of Busselton also celebrates a milestone of friendship with Japan - the 20th anniversary of the Busselton-Sugito sister city relationship. Over the past 20 years, Busselton and Sugito have developed a close partnership through biennial community exchanges, annual school exchanges, and specific cultural exchange programs like the Japanese Garden in Busselton.

I commend the Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association and its many volunteers on their work over the past 20 years to further develop connections and promote mutual understanding between the people of Western Australia and Japan. I congratulate both Busselton and Sugito on the 20th Anniversary of your friendship, and send best wishes for the continued success of your sister city relationship.



**Tatsuo Hirayama**  
**Consul-General of Japan, Perth**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the people of Sugito and Busselton, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Sister City Agreement in 2016-17. I highly commend the brave decision by the then leaders of the two cities to sign the Agreement on 19th November, 1996 and to bring the two far away cities together and much closer. I am so pleased to see the efforts that have been made on both sides, over the last two decades, to deepen this long-standing friendship.

The Busselton-Sugito Sister City Relationship is among the most active sister city relationships between Japanese and Western Australian local authorities. The friendship between the two cities over the years has included sending and receiving reciprocal goodwill delegations, exchange of city officials for professional development, exhibitions of student art, sister city exchange concerts, and various other activities. The relationship has also continued to grow through activities such as fundraising for the Great East Japan Earthquake, and has greatly added to the strength of the friendship between Australia and Japan.

I understand there are a number of commemorative events being planned to celebrate this anniversary, and these events will be remembered by the two peoples for a long time. It is my sincere hope that Busselton and Sugito continue with this kind of exchange into the future, further developing and maturing this great friendship. The Consulate-General of Japan is more than happy to support the two cities in their endeavor to this end.



**Barry House MLC South West Region  
President WA Legislative Council**

In today's modern, fast-paced and complex world it is more important than ever to establish friendships and relationships between people across the world.

Busselton and Sugito have successfully established that link and have seen it prosper for 20 years. The mutual understanding and respect which follows between people, institutions and nations is beneficial to us all.

As a local Member of Parliament and the President of the Legislative Council of WA I enjoyed visiting Sugito in October 2016, with a Parliamentary delegation to further strengthen the cultural and economic benefits of the Sugito relationship.

Congratulations to everyone from Busselton and Sugito on 20 years of success and best wishes for many more years of events, exchanges and communication to enliven, educate and build on the relationship.



**Libby Mettam MLA  
Member for Vasse**

Over the past twenty years the City of Busselton and Sugito Japan have developed a strong friendship based on mutual respect, communication and cultural exchange, which builds on the sister state relationship that Western Australia has enjoyed with Hyogo Prefecture since 1981.

As a major tourist destination, Busselton hosts thousands of local and international visitors each year, including many tourists from Japan and Japanese born Australians. The economic, social and cultural ties that have been created through the Busselton – Sugito relationship are significant.

The Busselton Sugito Friendship Garden creates an immersive experience into Japanese culture enjoyed by locals and visitors alike, while the student exchange program continues to provide invaluable cultural experiences to many school students seeking to broaden their knowledge, learn another language and strengthen their cross cultural skills.

Busselton deeply values its sister city relationship with Sugito and I congratulate all those involved in reaching this significant milestone.

I look forward to celebrating at the wide range of commemorative events during this celebration year.





**Beryle Morgan**  
**Former Shire President**

It was a very exciting day for Busselton - when we became a sister city of Sugito on 19th November, 1996.

Twelve delegates travelled to Japan to mark this very important and memorable occasion.

The welcoming party in Sugito was unforgettable; there was so much warmth and happiness.

I believe sister city relationships play a role in forging healthy and happy relationships across the world.

It was very clear that our hosts were so happy to share their home and they couldn't do enough for us.

The benefits to the community are significant. They provide the opportunity to enjoy each other's culture and embrace wonderful friendships.

I have so many happy memories and feel honoured to have been a member of the group that travelled to Sugito to sign the sister city agreement.



**Ishichi Ogawa**  
**Former Sugito Mayor**

姉妹都市提携20周年を迎えて

小川 伊七 Ogawa Ishichi

元杉戸町長（1991年4月30日～2007年4月29日）

姉妹都市提携20周年、誠にありがとうございます。

私が町長をしていた当時、社会のグローバル化が進行する中で、国境を越え

て互いに協力・信頼し合えるような交流が必要であると考え、多くの方々に ご協力をいただきながら姉妹都市協定を締結しました。

あれから20年、変わりゆく世界情勢に対応しながら、両都市がさらに発展することを心からご祈念申し上げます。

Congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship.

During my time as Mayor, based on the progressive globalization of society, we considered that it was necessary to have an international exchange based on mutual cooperation and trust with others beyond our borders, so we have signed a sister city agreement with the support and cooperation of a lot of people.

It has been 20 years since then, while responding to the changing world affairs, I sincerely wish for further development of both cities.

# FORMER SHIRE PRESIDENTS & SUGITO MAYORS

**Troy Buswell**

As Shire President, Troy was an enthusiastic host for several groups of visitors from Sugito including the Suginoko Wind Orchestra in 2004. Students and community groups alike enjoyed his friendliness as the official starting point to their visit, and in addition his family hosted former Sugito Mayor Ogawa.

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**Frank Elliott**

Frank became involved in the Busselton-Sugito Sister City Association in 1998, as Shire representative on the committee subsequently making to two trips to Japan between then and 2005. He found the Japanese to be delightful, generous and friendly hosts and as well as guests, and enjoyed attending numerous functions in Busselton with visiting Sugito groups.

On reflection Frank believes to have been very lucky to have the opportunity to meet, interact and enjoy the hospitality and genuine friendliness of our Sugito friends. Close contact with people of other cultures highlights the fact that we have similar values and benefit from interchange of ideas.

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**Kevin Douglas**

During his period as an elected member of the Shire Council it was evident that the school and general community embraced the sister city relationship.

Building and maintaining the sister city relationship can be attributed to the conviction and commitment of a large number of people. Over the years I have never ceased to be moved by the joy and warmth evident between people and in my view the enrichment for both communities should continue to be fostered.

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**Bev Clarke**

Bev first became involved with the Busselton and Sugito Sister City Association after her first visit to Sugito in 2002 as a Shire councillor followed by a second visit in 2004 as Shire President. The Community exchange and student exchange in particular are a great way to work towards world peace, as the young people are generally keen to enjoy each other's culture and learn daily ways of life. Bev's life has been richer for her experience over several years with the people of the sister city of Sugito.

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**Wes Hartley**

Many people in Sugito and Busselton have stories to tell of their visits and home-stay experiences as part of the sister city program and the sense of friendship is genuine. It is quite true to say that Australia features in Japanese people's awareness of the world around them. Nowhere is this more evident than in the field of tourism and the increasing consumption of Australian produce.



### **Ian Stubbs**

**Former Shire CEO, Former Shire President & Former Mayor**  
*Two decades of involvement*

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed towards establishing and growing the friendship between the Busselton and Sugito communities as part of the Sister City program. Over the 20 years, many friendships have been firmly established as a result of the community and school exchanges between the two communities. I visited Sugito in 2012 as part of the community cultural exchange. The hospitality extended by the Sugito community was amazing. The visit provided the opportunity for a great exchange of knowledge

about our respective cultures and we all left with many wonderful and lasting memories of Sugito and its people. I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming visitors from Sugito to Busselton and witnessing the making of new, and the renewal of old, friendships. I am sure the friendship between the two communities will continue for many years and will do its bit towards co-existence in a peaceful world.

### **Katsuhisa Noguchi** **Former Sugito Mayor**

Congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship.

I believe that a lot of people experienced the splendour of cross-cultural communication through the sister city exchange program with Busselton city.

With 20 years of continuous relationship, the junior high school students at that time have now become a child-rearing generation. I sincerely pray that this sister city exchange will be loved for ever and that future generations, and the two cities, are connected by further strong ties.



### **BUSSELTON SHIRE PRESIDENTS**

Mike Sully - 1994 - 1996  
 Beryle Morgan - 1996 - 2003  
 Troy Buswell - 2003 - 2005  
 Frank Elliott - 2005 - 2005  
 Kevin Douglas - 2005 - 2007  
 Bev Clarke - 2007 - 2007  
 Wes Hartley - 2007 - 2009  
 Ian Stubbs - 2009 - 2012\*

### **SUGITO MAYORS**

Ishichi Ogawa  
 30th April, 1991 to 29th April, 2007  
 Katsuhisa Noguchi  
 30th April, 2007 to 24th June, 2009  
 Matsuo Furuya  
 27th July, 2009 to present

### **BUSSELTON MAYORS**

Ian Stubbs - 2012\* - 2015  
 Grant Henley - 2015 - present

\* City Status  
 conferred in  
 January 2012

# THE PATH TO SISTER CITYHOOD

## Rotary International

At a Busselton Rotary Club meeting in mid 1988 the club's District Governor's representative gave an update on worldwide Rotary International projects and events. It was reported that during a conversation at the Rotary International World Conference, the governors of the South West of Western Australia Rotary district and eastern Saitama Prefecture in Japan, proposed cultural exchange activities between the two regions.

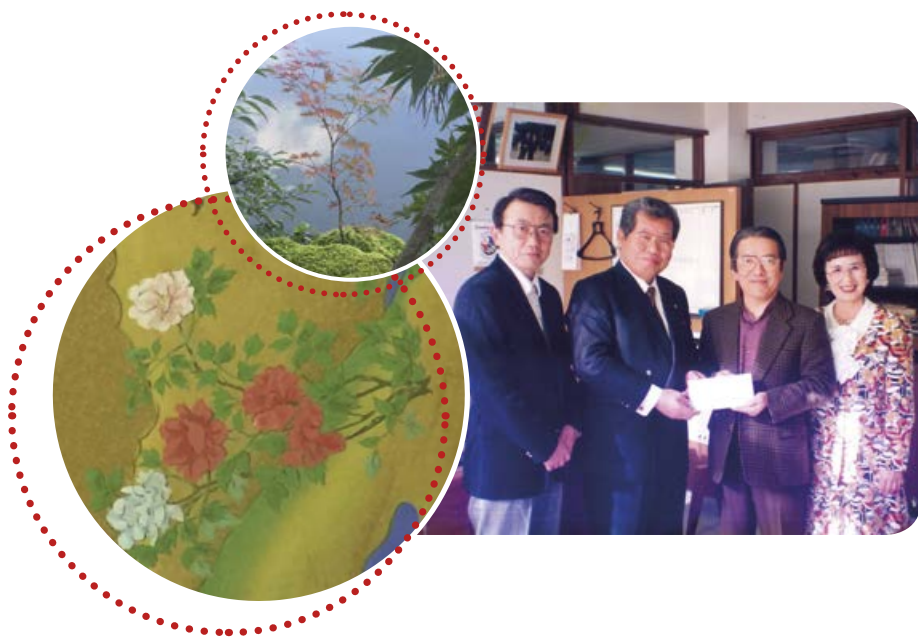
In response to this members of the Rotary Club were home hosted in Sugito. During the three week trip in January 1989 they gained appreciation and understanding of Japanese history, culture and people which in turn served to promote better international understanding.

Following the success of that visit, a group of Rotaractors visited the same area in Saitama in 1991. Through developing friendships with Sugito Rotary

Club host families, the Busselton and Sugito Rotary Clubs agreed to establish an exchange.

During 1993 a letter of invitation from former Shire President Mike Sully regarding formation of a sister city relationship with Busselton was hand delivered to Mayor Ogawa. Subsequent discussions were held during the visit by six Busselton Rotarians and their partners with Sugito former Mayor Ogawa, who agreed to consider the request. He also proposed a school exchange program with Busselton Senior High School (BSHS) which was subsequently established. Former Rotarian Mike Ashbolt and his wife Gail, a former teacher at BSHS, were instrumental in the formation of the student exchange relationship.

The following year, 1994, a further exchange took place and included members of the Busselton-Geographe Rotary Club (amalgamation of Busselton and Geographe Rotary Clubs), which marked the last of the Rotary club exchanges.





### *Sister city citation*

*The people of the Shire of Busselton, Western Australia and the Sugito Town, Saitama Prefecture, Japan, agree to join as sister cities to promote goodwill and everlasting friendship. Both municipalities will join in exchange programs to foster understanding between the two towns and peoples of Australia and Japan, to contribute to the building of a peaceful world. The Shire president of Busselton and the Mayor of Sugito, as representatives of their people, sign this sister city agreement.*

### **A Brief History**

In September 1994 and again in 1995 members of the Sugito Town Assembly visited Busselton on a fact-finding mission in order to establish the suitability of a sister city relationship.

In August 1995, Mr Hiroshi Tomihari, who was involved in the inaugural Rotary Club visit to Sugito, and friend of the former Sugito Mayor Ogawa visited Busselton to offer advice to the Shire Council on protocol and matters of interest, between the two towns.

In order to consider the formation of a sister city relationship, the Busselton Shire Council Sister City Committee steering group was established on 29th May 1996. Community positions were advertised and the inaugural meeting was held on 21st August 1996.

Discussions and planning continued throughout 1996 during which time a draft sister city agreement, written by Cheryl Fahey and Val Dent, was sent to Sugito Mayor and Town Assembly for approval. Enthusiastically adopted by the Sugito Town Assembly, a Busselton delegation was invited to visit Sugito for the signing ceremony on 19th November, 1996.

On 19th February 1997, Sugito delegation leader, Mayor Ogawa, and Shire President Beryle Morgan signed the sister city agreement at a ceremony in Busselton.

In 1997, Mayor Ogawa and the Sugito Board of Education Superintendent proposed that a young person from Busselton be appointed as intern teacher to assist with English language in Sugito junior high schools. Elizabeth Wood accepted the position and taught with Busselton raised Jenny Byatt (Dent) who had been appointed to Sugito on the Japan Exchange Teacher (JET) program.

On 24th January 1998, five gardeners from Sugito came to Busselton for a week to construct a Japanese garden for the local community. Sister city committee members, TAFE students, and community members attended a workshop given by the gardeners and then assisted in the construction of the garden. The Busselton Shire Council parks and garden staff also played a major role in facilitating the construction of the garden.

In February 1998, the Busselton Shire Council delegated responsibility of the management of the relationship to a community group known as the Shire of Busselton Sister City Committee. Mike Ashbolt was elected first community president.

# THE PATH TO SISTER CITYHOOD

## An Integral Link

Jenny Byatt (Dent) graduated from Busselton Senior High School three years prior to the commencement of the Annual Student Exchange with Sugito. She then studied Japanese at university and was selected for the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program in 1995. As a stroke of stroke of luck, among the 4629 JET teachers in Japan that year, Jenny was assigned to teach English in Sugito.

She assisted the Town Advancement and Development Section of Sugito local government in

liaison with Busselton representatives to plan most aspects of the sister city agreement and official visits. Jenny's stumbling conversational Japanese was significantly challenged when she became the delegation's interpreter for the signing ceremony activities in both Sugito and Busselton.

Her mother Val Dent joined the Shire of Busselton Sister City Committee as an inaugural member and was a key link between Sugito and the local committee in the formation of the sister city relationship.



# BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP

During the early years of the student exchange program between the Busselton Senior High School (BSHS) and the three junior high schools in Sugito, the Sugito Superintendent at the Sugito Board of Education, Mr Furuya, passionately embraced the idea that we would build a “bridge of friendship” and understanding between our two communities.

This is a natural and important element of our sister city relationship and one that has been promoted by all who have been actively involved in sister city activities since.



The concept was enshrined in the first logo used by the voluntary Shire of Busselton Sister City Committee and then Association (SOBSCA), until a change in the Shire's logo necessitated a change. This original logo was designed by Pierre Conrau and served the Association until 2006.

At the time of our 10th Anniversary, the logo's imagery was altered, to be consistent with the new Shire of Busselton logo, but it retained the concepts of the “Bridge of Friendship” and of reaching out across the ocean to the people of Sugito.



January 2012 marked a milestone in Busselton's history with the proclamation of Busselton, as a city. The name SOBSCA was no longer appropriate and in discussing a new name for the Association, it was decided to have the (former) SOBSCA focus entirely on the existing relationship between Sugito and Busselton. Hence the title Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association Inc. was adopted and the wording in the logo altered to reflect the change.



In addition to the above changes, 2013 saw another milestone in sister city relations with the appointment of a part-time City Relationships Officer to assist in managing the relationship. Until this point, the relationship had been managed by a dedicated team of volunteers, with periodic assistance from Council Staff.

Through all of these changes, the Sugito Town emblem has remained unchanged.



# STUDENT EXCHANGE

Busselton and Sugito student exchanges have taken place since 1994. Now administered by the Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association (BASSCA) the program is open to all year 9 students from the five secondary schools in Busselton.

The exchange offers a once in a lifetime opportunity for up to 15 students to experience a completely different culture, see amazing places and make new friends. The exchange involves families hosting a student from Sugito for approx. 10 days in August and, in turn Busselton students are hosted by the same family in Sugito during the September/October school holidays. Students accompany their host to school for a few days and get to participate in cultural experiences and outings in their host city. A highlight of the trip to Sugito has always been the day spent at Tokyo Disneyland.

This unique opportunity is one that has been greatly appreciated by many Busselton students and their families over the years. Whilst student's don't need to speak Japanese, they must be willing to embark on an exciting adventure, possibly out of their comfort zone, and be aware of what is expected of them as ambassadors for their family, school and City of Busselton.

Each year, in both Sugito and Busselton, host parents feel excited, but often apprehensive, about accepting a child a different culture into their family - mainly worrying about what to feed them and how they will communicate. Following each years exchange activities, their overwhelming response has been one of gratitude for being part of a wonderful and enriching cultural experience for their whole family.

*"Amazing  
LIFE CHANGING  
Memorable"*

## **Busselton Senior High School exchange up to 2009**

As previously stated, a significant outcome of the Rotary delegation visits was the fulfillment of a dream to create a 'friendship bridge' through nine student exchange program between the students of the three junior high school in Sugito and Busselton Senior High School (BSHS).

Gail Ashbolt, a teacher at BSHS was key to early negotiations to establish the exchange. Late in 1993 two Sugito Board of Education staff visited Busselton to meet with the BSHS principal to investigate and discuss plans for the proposed exchange.

In mid 1994 eight nervous students from Sugito Junior High School arrived in Busselton to be met by eight very excited BSHS students. During their week-long stay many more local students had the chance to interact with the Japanese students and to share their love of Busselton and Australia. Similarly Busselton students and gained insight into Japanese culture, language and way of life as friendships formed.







Fellow BSHS teacher Rob Hill and Gail and Mike Ashbolt accompanied the students to Sugito in January 1995 where they attended school, enjoyed daily life with host families and going on excursions.

This annual event has provided many students and families with the benefits of living within another culture. Friendships developed and families have enjoyed experiences that would not have otherwise been possible.

Sugito Board of Education and BSHS staff were responsible for all aspects of the exchange including travel, health and safety, pastoral care, language and culture and of course accompanied students on the overseas visits.

The overriding aim of these visits was to develop friendship between young people and families in both towns.

## “EXCITING & CHALLENGING”

### Tenth Anniversary Exchange

The 10th Anniversary Exchange was dominated by a series of international issues (SARS epidemic, Iraq War, and Korean instability) almost causing the cancellation of the program, but eventually solved by having the Sugito students visit over Christmas.

The Busselton students visited Sugito as usual in late September 2003 while the Christmas exchange was unique and brought an entirely different set of experiences for the Sugito students. Due to the abnormal timing for the visit which is normally in August, they could not attend school so shared the entire eight days over Christmas with their host families. Swimming lessons are not incorporated into the Japanese school curriculum

so unlike Australians, Japanese are generally not proficient swimmers. Therefore care had to be exercised when Sugito students participated in water-based activities. In addition, the intense Australian summer heat was cause for concern but all in all it was especially memorable to celebrate Christmas ‘Australian style’.

Teacher Colin Pratt observed that being a student in another education system yielded a range of different and unusual experiences. Many stories of adventures and misadventures due to language and cultural differences have been shared over many years. Sugito students found many unusual or interesting aspects about life in Busselton, especially star gazing in clear night skies.

“My favourite part was experiencing the different lifestyle and all the lovely people I met, especially the school students as they were extremely welcoming and friendly.”

# STUDENT EXCHANGE

## Since 2009

Since 2009 the success of the Year 9 exchange program has been due to strong cooperation between the five Busselton High Schools, Busselton Senior High School, Cape Naturaliste College, Cornerstone Christian College, Georgiana Molloy Anglican School and St. Mary McKillop College and the Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association's student exchange committee lead by Ray Toia and Mary-lee Kemp.

Georgiana Molloy Anglican School Principal, Ted Kosicki is one school principal who has taken the opportunity to visit Sugito. In 2009 he represented the City of Busselton as an educational leader. The homestay experience enabled him to fully appreciate Japanese culture and what the student exchange program would entail.

With the closure of the Japanese language program at Busselton Senior High School Georgiana Molloy Anglican School is the only high school in the region teaching Japanese. The Japanese language program is delivered by two qualified staff who teach in both the primary and secondary school. In 2017 a student from the school will spend a year in Japan as the



recipient of the Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) Pty Ltd scholarship, a first for the school.

Each August, Dunsborough Primary School hosts a visit by students from the three junior high schools in Sugito. They participate in Japanese language classes taught by two of the Japanese language speaking staff. Vasse Primary School has occasionally hosted student and community delegations.

The cooperation of all schools in our region in supporting student and community visits is much appreciated by the Busselton And Sugito Sister Cities Association, organisers of all incoming and outgoing delegations.



# STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Travelling to Sugito in 2010 on the sister city exchange program in Year 9, greatly enhanced Hayley Winchcombe's appreciation for Japanese language and culture. It propelled her to continue Japanese language studies and undertake a further exchange to Japan the following year with an American Field Service MEXT Scholarship.

Having greatly benefited from the short-term exchange experiences Hayley experienced 12 months in France on the Rotary Youth Exchange program, learning French and expanding international contacts. There is no doubt that participation in the Busselton Sugito Exchange program empowered her to explore the world and to experience foreign cultures.

When Grace Wedderburn's school teacher asked who would be interested in the Exchange Program, she knew it was the chance of a lifetime. It was a long anxious week after the interview to receiving email confirmation of her selection to participate.

The two days of excursions were eye opening experiences especially the visit to Odaiba (Aqua City) a man made island in Tokyo with huge shopping malls, Kaminarimon Temple in Asakusa and Tokyo Disneyland which exceeded expectations and was without a doubt one of the main highlights of the trip. Grace plans to travel with her family to Japan in the future as a result of the unforgettable experience.



## TOUR LEADER PERSPECTIVE

Mandy Carey was fortunate to visit Sugito three times as tour leader of the sister city student exchange program.

The first visit in 2011 was with a group of six students, smaller than most years which in no way impacted on the wonderful experience with school and family hosts.

She noted Japanese people are extremely hard working and disciplined.

Mandy was amazed to learn that high school students would be up as early as 5am to start their day and

sometimes not return home until well past 9pm, only to spend several hours studying. Unlike in Australia, from primary school Japanese students clean their schools and are required to participate in club activities before and after school. The Japanese culture built on mutual respect is evident in many aspects of their daily life.



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"I learnt how to use chopsticks, bless the meal before and after eating. The family I stayed with helped me pronounce Japanese words. I loved Japan and want to learn more."

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This is the 23rd year of the Busselton Sugito students exchange program. Over that time there were two cancellations due to outbreaks of global influenza, but many students exchanges have been arranged by BASSCA and Sugito Board of Education.

In our increasingly globalized world I hope the students who participated in this exchange will make use of their mutual experiences and of their understanding of culture, history and nature. I expect continued activity by children who carry the future on their backs. I hope that this exchange program will continue forever.

Masami Wajima  
Superintendent, Sugito Board of Education



# TWO GENERATIONS

As a 15 year old, Glenn Galigari was a member of the first Busselton Senior High School group to visit to Sugito. Years later it was a thrill when daughter Maddy Anderson was selected for the Year 9 exchange. Glenn chose not to share much of his experiences in Japan so as not to influence Maddy's expectations of what she would discover. For daughter Maddy participation in the exchange program was one of the most amazing experiences of her life.

Maddy remembers dining out with Japanese friends and eating what she thought was a burrito wrap. Diners filled burritos with a variety of unidentifiable foods. After devouring half her 'burrito' with what she assumed to be thinly sliced beef, her friends watched her quizzically and laughed. After 10 minutes back and forth using *google translate* it soon became apparent that that 'thinly sliced beef' was actually cow tongue. That is a moment she will never ever forget!

Maddy's guest, marveled at the sand dunes and happily collected shells on a beach walk together. As Sugito is inland, beach visits are a rarity and Maddy was surprised by Ririka's joy. For Maddy, the beach is a place to walk the dog when she has to. Such a contrast in living environments with simple joys, highlights the differences between the Busselton beach culture, and the rural suburban lifestyle of Sugito.

Father and daughter considered it an honor to have visited Sugito and learn about the Japanese culture, and way of life. In late 2016, twenty two years after Glenn's first visit, he and his family enjoyed a holiday in Japan and renewed some friendships.

In the history of the exchange program this is still the only such instance of two generations in one family participating. Which family will be next?!

## TWO GENERATIONS - FATHER & DAUGHTER





# BUSSELTON SUGITO EXCHANGE TEACHER (BSET)

## Teaching in Sugito

In an effort to further contribute to our sister city relationship, and to provide extra resources for the teaching of English in Sugito, the Sugito Town Board instituted the Busselton Sugito Exchange Teacher position in July 1997. Although the Japanese Government sponsored Assistant Language Teachers throughout Japan, including Sugito, this position was available only to Busselton residents.

Successful graduate applicants taught English and were expected to contribute to the wider community in addition to their school responsibilities. The Town of Sugito paid a salary, assisted with travel costs and accommodation. The annual contract was renewable up to three years.

The program operated for 10 years and provided unique experiences for the Busselton incumbents whilst boosting the English language program in Sugito elementary and junior high schools.

Mary-lee Kemp was the third Busselton teacher employed by Sugito Town. She taught English at



a junior high school, two elementary schools and monthly at a kindergarten. It was an ideal opportunity to meet new people and discuss aspects of Japanese culture and daily life while immersed in the Sugito community. She found it a really was a wonderful, eye-opening experience.

Three more Busselton Sugito Exchange Teachers enjoyed similar experiences before the program was suspended due to the financial constraints of the mid 1990s.

At present there are no plans to re-institute the BSET program.

# LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE) AWARDS



BASSCA recognizes the importance of encouraging the study of Japanese language by presenting annual book awards to students. In 2003, the (then) SOBSCA became involved in providing awards for students involved in these programs.

The initial awards were given to students at Busselton Senior High School as this was the only school offering courses in Japanese language. The SOBSCA also contributed to the costs of providing a teaching aide to assist the teachers and students in these courses.

During the ensuing years, the provision of such language programs amongst local schools has changed significantly as a response to teacher availability and to student demand. Currently, BASSCA makes awards to Dunsborough Primary School and to Georgiana Molloy Anglican School, the only local schools providing Japanese language courses.



# COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

Biennial visits by community members in both towns have occurred in alternate years since 1996, when an initial group of ten people visited Sugito from Busselton. These home stays feature a broad range of activities arranged by either BASSCA (in Busselton) or the International Association (in Sugito) and the weekends are free to enjoy with host families.

These exchanges have allowed many people to appreciate the two very different cultures and since 1996 a number of firm friendships have been formed, with people keeping in regular touch via email, social media and private visits.

## BASSCA's 10th Anniversary delegation in 2006

Sixteen community representatives from Busselton visited Sugito from 12th-23rd November 2006 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the sister city relationship. Cr. Jane Holland represented both the Council and the Shire President Kevin Douglas.

The 10-day homestay program included visits to Tokyo, the mountains north of Sugito and places of historic and cultural interest in and around Sugito. In addition, host families treated the visitors to a smorgasbord of Japanese food and a wide variety of other cultural experiences during the evenings and on the weekend.

Commemoration of the anniversary took place on the 19th November, the date of the original signing of the sister city agreement. At the Karusuta-Sugito Centre, some group members planted Australian native trees to mark the occasion and then enjoyed a celebratory ceremony. This included speeches of commitment towards a deepening of our friendship and an exchange of gifts.

Jane Holland presented Sugito Mayor Ishichi Ogawa, with a gift from the Shire of Busselton and a selection of original artworks and photos by 30 artists from the Busselton region.







# COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

## Reflection on 20 Years

The Busselton-Sugito sister cities exchange has reached a milestone with its 20th anniversary being celebrated this year.

Community exchange has been an integral part of our sister city relationship since it's founding. From the inaugural visit by Busselton to Sugito in November 1996, followed by a return visit from Sugito in 1997, the annual alternating visits have been a popular activity between our communities.

The Busselton City Council and community have given valuable support to the hardworking sister cities committee and members over those 20 years.

Ron Carmody who organised a number of incoming and outgoing delegations observed that the strength

and success of the program over this period can be seen in great measure through the opportunities provided in education, work experience staff exchange, and the cultural focus through art, music, craft, history, tourism, involvement of the wider community, including hosting, volunteering, performance and language studies.

The Rotary club and other groups have provided significant support over the years and much of this has seen the students, parents and staff of primary and high schools of each city truly engaged, together with the wider community.

The sister city friendship association between Busselton and Sugito has been a recipe for success in promoting international goodwill and understanding in a most positive way.



Busselton and Sugito celebrating 20 years of Sister City Friendship



# STAFF EXCHANGE

Over the period between November 1999 and 2003, four Shire of Busselton staff and nine Sugito staff enjoyed between 12 and 14 days living with host families in the respective towns, attending work and observing work practice, visiting local government and community facilities.

Areas of particular interest observed during the staff exchanges included community volunteering, agriculture and wineries. The council supported the principle of sponsoring staff in an employee exchange program in accordance with the Sister City Agreement formally entered into with the Town of Sugito. The employee exchange program aimed to broaden the professional perspective for exchanges and to offer the council and themselves the opportunity to seek and utilise successful and proven work practices and innovations.

## Personal Experiences

Sugito Town staff member Takeshi (Take) Usami really enjoyed the expansive clean and natural environment of the Busselton region and was made to feel warmly welcome during his staff exchange. As a dedicated surfer he loved being able to independently discover and surf the local surf spots.

Everything in his daily life at work and with his host family was new and exciting. Take had a strong desire to study English, learn about Western Australian local government and the Busselton community.

Take has been extremely fortunate to visit Busselton four times in his role as a Sugito Town employee. He coordinated and accompanied delegations including the Mayoral delegation for

the Proclamation of the City in 2012, the Sunsmart Half Marathon athletes delegation in 2014 and two biennial community delegations.

If given the opportunity he would like to emigrate to Busselton.

For Busselton resident David Pilpel, a former City of Busselton employee, participation in the Busselton Sugito staff exchange program was a highlight of his career. As the third Busselton Shire staff exchangee and former coordinator of Home and Community Care Services, during his three weeks in Sugito, David examined the Japanese aged care system which has been hailed internationally as being at the forefront of aged-care reform. David also planted a tree in the grounds of Agri Park Yume, which includes a recreation park, community centre and fresh food market.





# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCHANGES

## WORKSHOPS

- 1996 Ms Mizuki Sugawara was artist-in-residence, conducted workshops and held an exhibition at the old Courthouse Gallery
- 2001 Hiroshi Tomihari conducted workshops and exhibited at the Old Courthouse, Busselton Senior High School
- 2016 "Boro" patch stitching workshop

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2001 weeklong exhibition in the grounds of the Busselton Library
- Several gift collection exhibitions at the Old Courthouse Gallery
- 2001 Photo and video display at Busselton Agricultural Show
- 2006 Exhibition of art works from Busselton displayed at Sugito Community Centre during 10th anniversary delegation visit
- 2016 "Rikai" (understanding) Exhibition of Kimono and Tomihari woodblock prints

## PROMOTING OUR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

- Social Media
- Newsletters
- Busselton Mail full page colour feature
- Participation in Australian Sister City Association (ASCA – later to become Sister Cities Australia) conferences
- Joint hosting with Bunbury - Australian Sister Cities Association conference 2001
- School holiday library activities
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Awards
- Sister City sign on Causeway Road

## DISPLAYS

- Busselton Library
- Naturaliste Community Centre
- Agri Park Yume Busselton Corner
- Sugito Library and Community Centre
- Shopping Centres

## COMMUNITY GROUPS INVOLVED

- Rotary International
- Rotaract International
- Schools
- TAFE College (now SW Institute of Technology)
- Busselton Fire Brigade
- Busselton Sea Volunteer Marine Rescue
- Busselton Pottery Club
- Busselton Senior Citizens Centre
- Many others involved in activities and hosting delegations

## EXCHANGES

- Year 9, 10 & 11 Students
- Community groups
- Hanayagi Dancers
- Municipal Staff
- Busselton Shire Brass Band
- Suginoko Wind Orchestra
- Art works
- Athletes



# MUSIC EXCHANGES



## **Busselton Shire Brass Band Visit to Sugito in 2003**

The inspiration for the trip to Sugito came about when the Band played at the signing of the Sister City Agreement at the Busselton Shire Council offices in 1997. It was decided that a visit to Sugito would further strengthen the Sister City relationship. After much fundraising and work by the band members and SOBSCA, a group of 35 musicians including a didgeridoo player, travelled to Sugito over Easter 2003.

In anticipation of the Band's visit to Sugito, the Town of Sugito built a special sound shell at Aguri Park Yume. The impressive facility was an indication of Sugito's commitment to the sister city relationship in general, and the band visit in particular.

The main feature of the trip was a joint concert at Kasukabe near Sugito. The Busselton Shire Brass Band and the Suginoko Wind Orchestra performed individually and then as a massed band to the almost capacity 1500 seat concert hall audience. The

resonant sounds of didgeridoo was a special feature of the performances.

This musical exchange encounter lives on in the hearts and minds of musicians who made the trip to Sugito.

## **Suginoko Wind Orchestra visit to Busselton in 2004**

The Suginoko Wind Band consisting of 16 members, of a larger concert band, visited Busselton in December 2004 and joined the Busselton Brass Band to play at the Annual Carols by Candlelight event on the foreshore. The female musicians performed in cotton kimono (*yukata*) which added a Japanese flavour to the Christmas festivities.

The musicians had a truly Australian experience whilst enjoying a BBQ at Meelup beach when they witnessed whales frolicking in the bay. They also visited the Busselton Jetty and Underwater Observatory.

# SUNSMART IRONMAN 70.3 HALF MARATHON 2014

The Ironman athletes visit arose out of discussions held in Sugito in November 2012 and in Busselton in November 2013, to identify additional exchange opportunities.

The Mayor of Sugito Matsuo Furuya and his wife Fumiko along with Sugito International relations officer Takeshi Usami accompanied the three Town of Sugito three staff member team.

The Sugito banner gifted to BASSCA has since been displayed at sister city events. Busselton exchange students, dressed in "happi" coats loaned by Sugito for the occasion, joined the Sugito cheer squad led by Mayors Ian Stubbs and Matsuo Furuya.

Tetsuya Ozawa (runner), Koiichi Takahashi (swimmer) and Katsumi Watanabe (cyclist) all completed their disciplines within their anticipated

times. Since Sugito is land locked, Koichi had not been able to train in the ocean so it was a challenge for him, even in perfect conditions.

Katsumi completed the 90km bike ride smiling, having only ever ridden a maximum of 40 kilometres prior to the race. Tetsuya, as a marathon runner, found the later afternoon heat a challenge but gave a last burst of energy to cross the finish line hand-in-hand with Mayor Furuya.

It was a highly successful friendship and public relations exercise which contributed towards raising the awareness of the sister city relationship through print media, at the Ironman event and via on-field commentary.

Japanese VIP guests included representatives from the Japanese Consulate and the University of WA Sport Science Department.





# GIFT COLLECTIONS

After twenty years of exchanging gifts between the City of Busselton and Sugito a substantial collection of Japanese artefacts has been amassed.

The largest gift Busselton has received is the Fire Engine, which is still in service at the Busselton Fire Station. Another major component of the collection is the Tomihari Woodblock print collection which is housed at ArtGeo and are periodically displayed. Other gifts include kimonos, paintings, ornaments, scrolls, pottery, dolls and ceramics. These gifts are displayed and rotated between the Busselton Library or and Naturaliste Community Centre Dunsborough.

One of the first gifts was a large red Daruma doll, a gift associated good luck and more specifically goal setting. Daruma are usually made of papier-mâché, have a round shape, red in colour, are hollow and weighted at the bottom so that they will always return to an upright position when tilted over. When new the eyes of the Daruma are blank and the custom is that the recipient paints in one eye upon setting a goal. Once the goal has been reached the second eye is painted in, giving the Daruma full sight.

When the Sister City Agreement was first signed in Sugito in November 1996 the first eye of the Daruma was painted. In February 1997 the second eye was painted during the sister city certificate signing ceremony in Busselton to signify that the goal of formalising the relationship had been attained.





# TOMIHARI WOODBLOCK COLLECTION

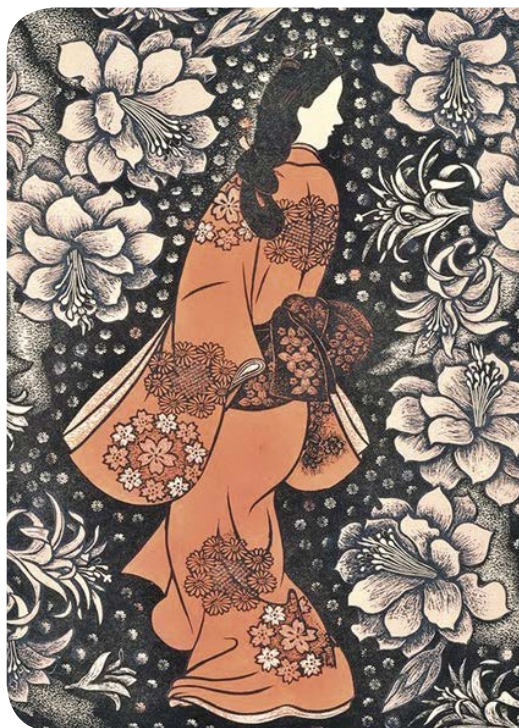
## **Hiroshi Tomihari Woodblock Artist Living Japanese National Treasure**

Geographe Rotary Club President Cheryl Fahey visited the Sugito Rotary Club in 1995. It was a fortuitous meeting with renowned woodblock artist Hiroshi Tomihari which led to his visit to Busselton, to conduct workshops and an exhibition.

The Rotary Club sponsored the visit and a funding grant covered exhibition and some living costs. Woodblock workshops in Busselton and Perth were arranged by Busselton TAFE and the WA Printmakers Association.

Student exchanges had already commenced and there was discussion about the possibility of a sister city relationship between Busselton and Sugito. Mr Tomihari played a significant role in the initial negotiations between the two towns.

Mr Tomihari, whose works are also in major European gallery collections, gifted many of his modern “moku hanga” style woodcuts to the people of Busselton. The woodblock prints, in the City of Busselton permanent collection are occasionally exhibited at Art Geo.



# SUGITO FIRE TRUCK

The Sugito Fire Truck was donated by the Town of Sugito to the Shire of Busselton in August 2000. The Shire of Busselton then donated the fire engine to the Busselton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service.

Shire of Busselton Sister City Association (SOBSCA) former committee member Cheryl Fahey organised the shipping of the generous Sugito gift.

After some modifications, such as additional beacons and the installation of a two-way radio, the vehicle has become fully operational and is utilised as a relay pump during deployment to fire fighting. The vehicle has no water-carrying capability, but has a two-stage pump and is ideal for relay pumping, filling water bombers and personnel transport. The Sugito Fire Truck still is based at the Busselton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station in Camilleri Street, Busselton.

Before the acquisition of a second dual cab fire appliance in December 2014, being the Urban Tanker from the Cape to Cape Review of the Margaret River

Fires, the Sugito Appliance was used quite regularly for the following:

1. Personnel carrier to incidents and training locations.
2. Relay pumping drills from a water source to another firefighting appliance.
3. Displayed at public events and visits from schools and community groups.
4. Driven in the Busselton festival parade and displayed at the Busselton Show.
5. Used regularly inspecting and servicing hydrants around the town of Busselton.

Even with the Urban Tanker on Station along with the Country Pumper and Light Tanker, the Sugito appliance is still used for transport, training, community events and hydrant inspections and servicing.



# BUSSELTON SUGITO FRIENDSHIP GARDEN

Located next to the Busselton Library, the Busselton Sugito Friendship Garden was first constructed in 1998 by a group of five gardeners from Sugito and volunteers from Busselton. Much of the material and equipment was donated by local residents and businesses and some special features, such as stone lanterns were sent from Sugito.

In 2012, the City of Busselton built the Community Resource Centre and extended the Library, necessitating the realignment and redesign of the garden which took place in 2013.

The new design incorporated as many of the original features as possible, although some northern hemisphere plants have been replaced by Australian species that are more suitable for a warm, dry climate.

The essential elements such as the viewing platform (*tenbodai*), the water feature (*tsukubai*), large rocks, lanterns (*toro*), gateway (*mon*) and dry watercourse from the original garden have been left in place or carefully re-positioned. Bench seats made from recycled timber from the Busselton Jetty have also been installed in the shade of existing trees.

The current garden is quite different to the one that was designed and planted as Sugito's gift to Busselton. Some of the original plants didn't survive



in our climate and some other changes were made along the way but the original intent, of friendship between Sugito and the City of Busselton, remains.

The garden is a celebration of our relationship with the people of Sugito and continues to provide a tranquil, green space in the centre of Busselton. It is a lovely place to sit and relax or meet with friends.

More information on the history of the garden can be found on the interpretive on the wall of the Busselton Library adjacent to the Friendship Garden.

The Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association (BASSCA) invites you to enjoy the aesthetics of this garden, which celebrates enduring and strengthening international friendship. Allow yourself to appreciate this ambience, and perhaps, imagine yourself within a culture far away.





# 日本庭園 JAPANESE GARDEN

## OUR JAPANESE GARDEN A BUSSELTON AND SUGITO PROJECT

This spectacular garden was created as an expression of the friendship between the towns of Busseton and Sugito in recognition of the Sister City Agreement signed in Japan on the 19th November 1996 and then in Western Australia on the 19th February 1997.

### 日本庭園

バスセルトン-杉トプロジェクト

この素晴らしい日本庭園はバスセルトンと杉トの友好のしるしとして、姉妹都市協定の締結に際しました。またこの協定書は1996年11月19日に日本で、1997年2月19日に西オーストラリアでサインされました。



GRABER DESIGNER

## THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

THE GARDEN COMES TO LIFE

A Japanese gardener from Sugito created the traditional design of the garden. Upon approval of the design, a team of five gardeners from Japan travelled to Busseton to help the local community in its construction. The garden was opened in February 1998.



### デザイン・建設

庭園誕生

杉トの庭師が手ごころの日本庭園のデザインを制作されました。日本からの5人の庭師がこのデザインの完成を決めるためバスセルトンに訪れ、現地の協力も得ました。この庭園は完成しました。この美しい日本庭園は1998年2月にバスセルトンに誕生しました。

## OUR COMMUNITY

INVOLVEMENT  
THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROJECT

The Shire of Busseton Sister City Association and members of the local community donated their time, equipment and materials to help in the construction of the Japanese garden. The project was completed under the professional direction of the gardeners from Sugito.

地域コミュニティのあかあけ  
プロジェクトの発展

日本庭園を造るにあたり、バスセルトン姉妹都市協会と地元のカミュニティメンバーから、製作時間や、機材、材料や道具、資材をいただきました。またこの計画は杉トの庭師の指導のもとで完成しました。



Sugito Sister Cities  
Busseton  
A TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

## SISTER CITY

姉妹都市

## A GIFT FROM SUGITO

A SYMBOL OF FRIENDSHIP

The people of Sugito presented to the people of Busseton two large stone lanterns for the Japanese Garden. The traditional lanterns are used in the evening when light is needed to show the way. The people of Busseton were very grateful for this special gift from our Sister City friends in Sugito.



### 杉トからの贈り物

伝統的な石灯籠

2つの大きな石灯籠が杉トからバスセルトンへ贈られました。この伝統的な燈籠は、暗い道を照らすために使われました。バスセルトンの人々は姉妹都市、杉トからの特別なプレゼントにも光栄に思っています。



## A BLEND OF CULTURAL TRADITIONS

SISTER CITY EXCHANGES

A traditional tea ceremony was held to celebrate the friendship between the people of Busseton and Sugito in recognition of the gift of the lantern. The Japanese garden has a water feature which was used to symbolically rinse hands and mouth before the tea ceremony.

### 伝統文化の交流

姉妹都市間の伝統文化の交流  
杉トからバスセルトンへ送られた石灯籠に、お茶会がバスセルトンと杉トの人々の友好関係を記念して行われました。この日本庭園には特徴的な水たまりがあります。これはお茶会の前に手と口をすすぐためのものです。

## CULTURAL EXCHANGE

THE FUTURE OF SISTER CITY  
RELATIONSHIPS

Each year, many people have the opportunity to learn about lifestyles, participate in festivals and to look for business opportunities. Each visit creates more happy friendships assisted by the unique experiences offered by the home hosting programmes.

### 文化交流

毎年、多くの人がオーストラリアに参加することでオースティンとオースティンを持ちます。またオースティンとオースティンとの交流があります。互いを理解することにより、友好関係を築くことができます。ホームステイプログラムも、その助けとなっています。



## SUGITO



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# BOOK LAUNCH

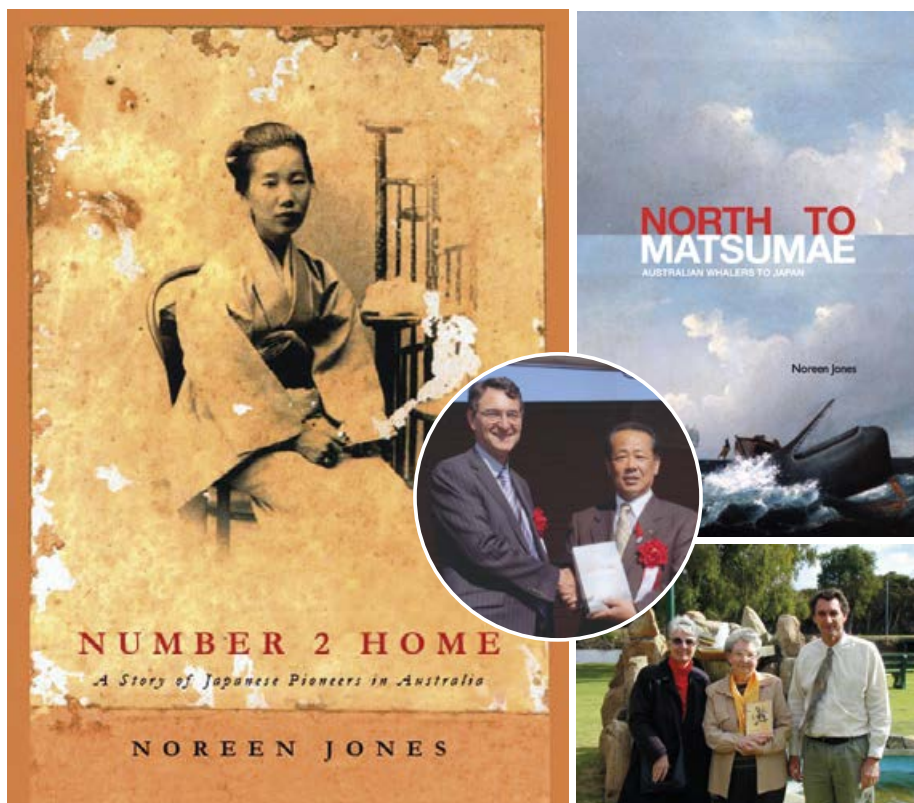
## Local author, Noreen Jones publishes Japanese Australian history books.

In 2002 the Shire of Busselton Sister City Association sponsored the launch of a book, **"Number 2 Home: A story of Japanese Pioneers in Australia"**, by Noreen Jones, a life member of BASSCA.

The book describes personal stories of Japanese who migrated to Australia before 1901 and was published by Fremantle Press. The launch took place at the Down South Writers Festival in Busselton. Dr Lorna Kaino from Edith Cowan University Bunbury, introduced the book to the audience.

Later, Noreen wrote **"North to Matsumae: Australian Whalers to Japan"**, published by UWA Publishing in 2008. It describes the first known contacts of Australians and Japanese in Japan, in 1831. A copy of this book was presented to the people of Sugito in 2012.

Both books are illustrated with historical photographs and drawings and have been translated into Japanese. They are available from the Australian and Japanese publishers.





# 2001 AUSTRALIAN SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION (ASCA) CONFERENCE

To demonstrate neighbourly cooperation and showcase our region, the Bunbury Setagaya Sister Cities Committee invited the Shire of Busselton through their Shire of Busselton Sister Cities Association (SOBSCA) to jointly bid to host a national sister cities conference, at the 1997 ASCA conference in Port Stephens. Unsuccessful on that occasion, Bunbury and Busselton mounted a resoundingly successful bid presentation at the Darwin ASCA conference in 1999.

Two years of planning by a joint Busselton and Bunbury conference committee was thwarted in the week leading into the conference in October 2001 with the collapse of ANSETT airlines, resulting in many Eastern States delegates not being able to attend. The adult program was held at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre and youth delegates enjoyed a full interactive program in Busselton.

To showcase our two communities, social activities for the adult delegates were held in both Busselton and Bunbury, allowing the Busselton based student delegates to also enjoy the Australian and Japanese cultural highlights.

The absolute highlight was attendance of keynote speaker Mary Eisenhower, president of Sister Cities International and granddaughter of former US President Dwight D Eisenhower, founder of the sister cities movement. The opening ceremony featured Hanayagi dancers from Sugito accompanied by musicians from Setagaya displaying the grace and colour of traditional Japanese music and dance. Key outcomes from the conference were the demonstration of neighbourly cooperation, strategies for advancing sister city relationships and how to engage local communities.



Busselton was awarded the "Best Sister City Project" for the Japanese garden.



# 2012 FESTIVAL OF BUSSELTON

In 2012 BASSCA members collaborated to create a symbol of Japanese festival and tradition with a colourful float in the Festival of Busselton float parade.

Dressed in the Japanese festival clothing of cotton kimono (*yukata*), members marched alongside the decorated truck to *taiko*-style drumming. The heavy wooden portable shrine *mikoshi* on loan from the City of Bunbury was carried by six men.

In the heat of summer, towns in Japan come alive with the summer festival (*natsu matsuri*) and one of the highlights of this festival is carrying the portable Shinto shrine or *mikoshi*.

Each Shinto shrine has its own *mikoshi* which transports a deity around the local streets of the

towns and cities. The *mikoshi* often resemble a small building and can weigh several tonnes. Many are very expensive, are often gold-plated and sometimes encrusted with diamonds, rubies and sapphires.

The shrines were traditionally carried while praying for a rich harvest, protection at home and a prosperous business. The performance also carries a meaning of purification but these days it is just for fun.

The BASSCA float represented the spirit of our two cultures and the celebration of our sister city relationship. Sugito's *mikoshi* (below) reflects its 400 year old historical origins and due to its size is carried by dozens of people in relay.



# PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BUSSELTON 2012

## Sugito Mayoral Visit

The Mayor of Sugito, celebrated along with VIP guests on Saturday 21st January 2012 at the Proclamation of the City of Busselton ceremonies.

Mayor Matsuo Furuya, his wife Fumiko and attaché Take Usami visited Busselton for four days at the invitation of the Busselton Shire President Ian Stubbs.

A flag exchange between the two mayors was a feature of the afternoon tea function held in honour of the Japanese visitors. The town of Sugito now owns the very first City of Busselton flag.

Prior to the proclamation ceremony Japanese Consul General Tatsuo Ishikawa and his wife Reiko joined the 170 VIP guests who assembled at the Goose Café on the foreshore overlooking the Busselton Jetty.

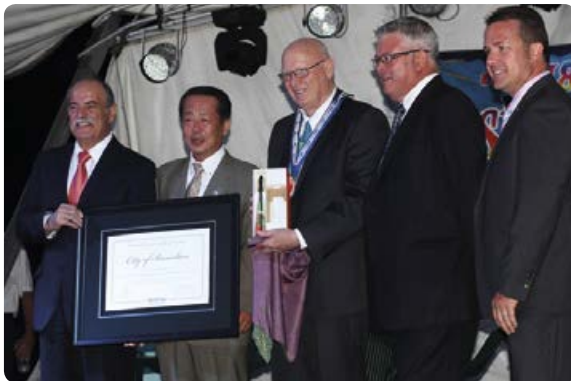
Mayor Furuya presented a beautiful fan to newly installed Mayor Ian Stubbs at the public Proclamation Ceremony which was part of the final night of the

two week Busselton Festival. The Minister for Local Government, John Castrilli MLA performed the proclamation and installation ceremonies.

The Japanese guests enjoyed visits to the Busselton Underwater Observatory, the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse, Ngilgi Cave and local wineries, and played a round of golf. Senior Japanese managers of Simcoa Operations in Kemerton hosted a brief tour of the silicon smelter on the way to Perth airport.

Mayor Furuya said " We trust that the relationship between the town of Sugito and the new City of Busselton continues to strengthen through both student and citizen exchange, and other activities. Busselton is such a beautiful and naturally bountiful area. I cannot believe how vast the countryside is!"

A citizen delegation lead by Mayor Ian Stubbs, visited Sugito later in the year.



**City of Busselton Proclamation Ceremony**

Saturday 21st January, 2012

L-R John Castrilli MLA, Minister for Local Government, Matsuo Furuya, Mayor, Town of Sugito, Ian Stubbs, Mayor, City of Busselton, Troy Buswell MLA Member for Vasse, Troy Pickard, President, Local Government Association of WA

# PECHA KUCHA

Pecha Kucha was devised in Tokyo in 2003 as an event for young designers to meet, network and show their work to the public. It has turned into a massive celebration, with events happening in over 900 hundred cities around the world, inspiring people worldwide.

Drawing its name from the Japanese term for the sound of "Chit Chat", it is a presentation format based on the simple idea of 20 images x 20 seconds per image, in total 6 minutes and 40 seconds. This format makes presentations concise and keeps things moving at a rapid pace.

The quarterly Dunsborough Pecha Kucha event, one of three locations in Western Australia, has been

an ideal community medium to promote sister city activities and friendships. A recent presentation highlighted parallels between the serenity of the Japanese arts, the commonality of all peoples and the different expressions of friendship enjoyed between people of Busselton and Sugito.

At a Pecha Kucha presentation in November 2015 local Dunsborough residents Erin and Caspar Adson mentioned that Busselton could become a member of the Mayors for Peace program. The City Council unanimously endorsed BASSCA's recommendation of membership resulting in the official signing in Hiroshima on 28th October, 2016.



# MAYORS FOR PEACE



The Mayors for Peace program was established in 1982 with the aim of achieving lasting world peace through inter-city solidarity and raising public consciousness about the need to abolish nuclear weapons. As of 1st April 2016 membership stood at 7028 cities in 161 countries and regions including 87 across Australia.

The City of Busselton's sister city, Sugito, joined the Mayors for Peace program in September 2010. At the suggestion of two local Dunsborough residents, Erin and Casper Adson, the City of Busselton resolved to join the association in 2016.

With council's support for the program endorsed, Mayor Grant Henley, CEO Mike Archer and BASSCA President Pauline Vukelic signed the Mayors for Peace membership at a meeting with the Mayor of Hiroshima, Kazumi Matsui on 28th October, 2016. His father is a '*hibakusha*', an atomic bomb survivor. A cluster of one thousand cranes, folded by students at Dunsborough Primary School, was placed at the Children's Memorial in the Hiroshima Peace Park following the Mayors for Peace membership signing.

Mayor Grant Henley, who visited Nagasaki while in service with the Australian Navy, said that past events had profoundly impacted people's desire for global peace. "Becoming a signatory to this program reflects our community's support for world peace," he said.

"It takes on even greater significance as we reflect on 20 happy and productive years as the sister city to Sugito. Council felt it most fitting that we join the City of Sugito in becoming a signature to the Mayors for Peace program. We are a city committed to peace and signing this accord demonstrates that to the world."

Along with advocating for world peace through the abolition of nuclear weapons, the Mayor's for Peace program also seeks to eliminate starvation and poverty, support human rights and protect the environment.





# 20TH ANNIVERSARY

## 20th Anniversary 1996- 2016

Blue-sky thinking was encouraged when ideas for the 20th anniversary commemoration planning began. The emphasis is on encouraging community groups to embrace the Japanese cultural theme with encouragement of BASSCA in addition to the BASSCA planned events. The Mayoral and Legislative Council delegations served to elevate the relationship at a local, state and national level both here and in Japan.

In addition to activities and events during 2017 there are enduring reminders of the sister city relationship such as the Busselton Sugito Friendship Japanese garden, the mural on the Busselton Boulevard Shopping Centre and the Sugipyon mascot which will make appearance at Busselton community events.

## BASSCA Planned Activities

- Book launch at Australia Day ceremony
- Sister City Reaffirmation signing ceremony at Australia Day ceremony
- Taste of Japan at the 2017 Dunsborough Arts Festival
- Japanese themed community events
- Shopping Centre displays

## Media

### Social media – Facebook

- Sister Cities International
- Sister Cities Australia
- Busselton & Sugito Sister Cities 20th Anniversary Celebrations
- Busselton & Sugito Friendship Cities
- Bridge of Busselton Sugito
- Busselton Sugito Friendship Garden-Japanese Gardens
- SW Japanese Network

## Other media

- Media releases and articles in relevant organization's newsletter and magazines

## Delegations

- Busselton delegation to Sugito  
30th October-2nd November, 2016
- Western Australian Legislative Council  
Delegation to Sugito  
October 30, 2016
- Sugito Delegation to Busselton  
25th-29th January, 2017

## Relationships

- Sugito
- Australia Japan Society WA
- Sister Cities Australia
- Japanese Consulate General
- Bunbury International Relations committee
- Hyogo Prefectural Government Cultural Centre
- WA Government Commissioner Tokyo  
(Sister Cities International)

## Community Events

- Japanese themed Cornerstone Christian College Ball
- Fishbone Restaurant Japanese Autumn Lunch
- Japanese craft workshops
- Japanese cooking classes
- Japanese themed community events

## Legislative Council Delegation

The Honorable Barry House, MLC, President, Legislative Council who led a delegation of four was accompanied by the WA Government Commissioner based in Tokyo, Craig Peacock during the visit to Japan. All delegates participated in the 20th anniversary reaffirmation signing ceremony and dressed in historical costumes to parade in the 400th Anniversary Festival procession.

**NOTE:** Former Western Australian Premier Richard Court, appointed Australian Ambassador to Japan from 2017.

# 20TH ANNIVERSARY

## Mural

A mural featuring the green Sugito town mascot Sugipyon character was recently completed on the Busselton Boulevard Shopping Centre on Prince Street, Busselton.

Local artist Tom Ansell designed the mural based on trees indigenous to Busselton and Sugito. The Western Australian tuart tree on the left and the cedar ("sugi") are linked by the Busselton jetty.

Together with the Busselton Sugito Friendship Garden also in central Busselton, the mural is a constant reminder of the friendship between our two communities.



**SEE THE MURAL AT  
BUSSELTON BOULEVARD  
SHOPPING CENTRE ON  
PRINCE STREET**



- The "Bridge of Friendship" book published
- Sister City Mural on Busselton Boulevard Shopping Centre
- Busselton Sugito street banners in Busselton and Dunsborough
- 20th anniversary logo developed
- Acquired Sugipyon mascot costume

# 'RIKAI' EXHIBITION

## RIKAI EXHIBITION Kimono, Tomihari woodblock print and ikebana exhibition at Art Geo

The Japanese Consul General Tatsuo Hirayama accompanied by his wife Sachiko, opened the exhibition on Saturday November 5th, 2016. The exhibition featured Tomihari woodblock prints and kimono from the and private collections complimented by ikebana created by members of the Bunbury Flower Designers Club. A number of the exquisite silk kimono were gifted to the City during the 2014 delegation visit to Sugito were on display for the very first time.

The name for the exhibition '*Rikai*' which means understanding, was selected to illustrate the underlying principle of 'people to people' diplomacy and our ongoing commitment to mutual understanding through sharing ideas and experiences.



# SUGITO CELEBRATES 400 YEARS

Public celebrations for the 400th Anniversary of Sugito's founding and the Busselton Sugito Sister Cities 20th Anniversary occurred on Sunday 30th October 2016. Sugito was the fifth post station on the Nikko Kaido (road) between central Tokyo and Nikko. Travelers rested, re provisioned, and swapped

horses and retainers in preparation for their ongoing journey.

The historical procession over 1.5kms through Sugito old town was a once in a lifetime experience for the West Australian delegates and the Sugito citizens.



# SUGITO HISTORY

Sugito is located to the north of Tokyo in Saitama Prefecture on the Kanto plain, with an average altitude of 15 meters above sea level. The Edo River flows through the town. The name Sugito means “cedar door” in Japanese.

As previously mentioned Sugito-shuku developed as a post station on the Ōshū Kaidō and the Nikkō Kaidō from the Kamakura period through the Edo period.

The town of Sugito was created within Kitakatsushika District, Saitama with the establishment of the municipalities system on 1st April, 1889.

During the Edo era (1862-1912) Sugito area was a resting stop number 5 along Nikko Highway and the town developed in its capacity as 'Sugito Inn'.

In February 1955, the town expanded by annexing the neighboring villages of Tamiya, Takano, and Teigo.

In the north eastern corner of Sugito, ancient burial and shell mounds, and Stone Age implements have been discovered from about 12,000 years ago.

During the Kamakura era, Tokyo's ferry sailed the Furatone River along Sugito's border, connecting Kamakura to the south and Oushyu to the north. As cedar woods were plentiful the ferry became known as the cedar ferry (*Sugi no Watashi*) and the towns' name is a derivative of this.

The economy of Sugito is mostly agricultural, with rice, cucumbers, eggplant, onion, Chinese cabbage and wheat among the major crops.





# BUSSELTON AND SUGITO AT A GLANCE

	SUGITO	BUSSELTON
<b>Founded</b>	1616	1871
<b>Total Area</b>	30.03km <sup>2</sup>	1,454.8km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Height above sea level</b>	10 metres	7.14metres
<b>Longitude</b>	139 43'34"E	115 20'44"E
<b>Latitude</b>	36 1'32.8" N	139°44'12.2"E
<b>Main River</b>	Edo	Vasse
<b>Population</b>	45,459 (February 2016)	36,335 (2015)
<b>Density</b>	1510 km <sup>2</sup>	23.57 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Floral Emblem</b>	Chrysanthemum	One sided bottle brush
<b>Fauna Emblem</b>		Ring tail possum
<b>Economy</b>	Agricultural – main crops include rice, cucumbers, eggplant, Chinese cabbage, wheat	Agriculture, wine, tourism
<b>Primary Schools</b>	6	12 (including preprimary)
<b>High Schools</b>	4 junior high, 4 senior high	5 high schools
<b>Sister Cities</b>	Busselton 1996	Sugito 1996
<b>Friendship City</b>	Tomioka, Fukushima Prefecture (Irradiated during the Fukushima Nuclear Reaction accident)	



Tomioka is Sugito's friendship town

Sugito is located on the Kanto plain in the Saitama prefecture to the north of Tokyo.

Narita International Airport

Tokyo - capital of Japan



SUGITO'S TOWN EMBLEM

# AGRI PARK YUME

A taste of Australia in Sugito



Agri Park Yume was designed to reflect Busselton architectural design and color, incorporating terracotta roof tiles.

A leaping dolphin is featured in the circular pond with a variety of fruit trees and shrubs typical of the South West and Western Australia planted in the parkland. Commemorative sister city tree planting ceremonies have been held at Agri Park Yume.

The recreational community park hosts various annual community events, the largest being the November 3rd Harvest Festival when several thousand people gather

to enjoy the country atmosphere of community groups, food producers and crafts stalls with entertainment at the sound shell.

Local people shop at the fresh food market year round which is adjacent to the community hall. Five Busselton guests attended the opening in April 2001. Discussions were held regarding the possible export of South West products for sale at the Agri Park Coop. Some goods were exported however the project was discontinued.

# BUSSELTON-SUGITO-TOMIOKA

## The Tomioka Connection

Tomioka in Fukushima Prefecture is a friendship town to Sugito in Saitama Prefecture.

On the 11th March 2011, a magnitude 9 earthquake shook north eastern Japan, unleashing a savage tsunami that devastated the Sendai region and caused a Level 7 meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. Among the towns most affected was Tomioka, a sister city town of Sugito.

Rather than make a generalised response or leave any action to individuals, SOBSCA combined with the Busselton Geographe Bay Rotary Club and organised a fundraising activity to benefit Tomioka residents. Tomioka had to be evacuated due to its proximity to the nuclear power plant and its 16,000 residents are still unable to return to their homes.

In November of that year the Goose restaurant was transformed into a Japanese-themed venue for the fundraiser. SOBSCA members, Scott and Sachi Pearce, sourced donations from generous members of the community, and the expat Japanese population of Busselton and Bunbury added origami and a touch of colour in traditional dress.

Dr Hajime Yamauchi, a doctor from Bunbury, who donated his time in the aftermath of the tragedy to render assistance in the worst hit areas, gave an account of his experiences. His words and images stirred the audience to dig deep and \$5000 was raised in the ensuing auction.

Guests were honoured to hear from the WA Japanese Consul General, Tatsuo Ishikawa, who thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and support.

The three way connection between Busselton, Sugito and Tomioka was further enhanced the following year with a visit to Busselton and Bunbury in May by three boys from the town and a commitment to friendship at a ceremony in Sugito in November.

Busselton's Mayor Ian Stubbs acknowledged the significance of strong sister city friendship's not only with Sugito flowing on to Tomioka but also the

cooperative relationship with Bunbury Setagaya Sister Cities Committee which facilitated the boys visit in conjunction with project initiator the Bunbury Runners Club.

NOTE: recent TV documentaries have featured Tomioka's one remaining resident who has chosen to return, despite high radiation levels, to care for the animals living in the abandoned town.

## Great Eastern Japan Earthquake Fund Raising

*Thank you for the donations received for the East Japan Earthquake and nuclear power plant accident.*

*We hope everything goes well with you.*

*We wish to thank you for your heart warming donation. Although we would like to do this in person please forgive us that it must, for now, be done by letter.*

*We will make effective use of the donation on behalf of the refugees.*

*Thanks to the support from Busselton through its friendship with Sugito, we become of one heart in our efforts to support the reconstruction.*

*We hope in the future for your support and guidance.*

**- Mayor Matsuo Furuya - November 2011**



### **Tomioka Child Athletes Visit 2012**

Three Tomioka boys, generously sponsored by the Bunbury Runners Club, participated in the "Three Waters Marathon" Children's Cumulative Marathon on Sunday 13th May, 2012. The three boys and their families had been evacuated to Sugito due to the effects of radiation from the Fukushima Nuclear Reactor No 2 Plant meltdown following the Great Eastern Japan earthquake and tsunami, making their town uninhabitable for decades to come.

The aim of their visit was to provide children affected by the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake with the unique opportunity to possibly overcome the earthquake and tsunami trauma via homestays in Bunbury and Busselton. The Sugito Board of Education granted permission for the boys, accompanied by a former Olympic bobsleigh athlete, to undertake the 'once in a lifetime' trip with support of the Bunbury Runners Club, Worsley Alumina, and Bunbury and Busselton Sister Cities organisations.

While in the South West they met with the mayors of both Bunbury and Busselton, toured the Busselton Jetty and Underwater Observatory and participated in class activities at Dunsborough Primary School. The thrill of their ride on the Busselton Sea Volunteer Marine Rescue boat was a joy to witness.

Gnomes signed by the boys were added to the extensive collection at Gnomesville in the Ferguson Valley.





# SUGITO MASCOTS



Many local governments, banks and corporations in Japan adopt a mascot character as part of their marketing identity. Mascots are often cute and unlike in Australia, where “cuteness” is at odds with a serious local government or corporate identity, there is an annual competition in Japan for the Number 1 wearable character costume.

As in the Sugito town name, “Sugi” means cedar. “Pyon” is an onomatopaeic Japanese word meaning “to bounce”. The name “Sugipyon” and the character design were both created by two high school students.

She is a popular figure at town festivals and events during year attracting adults and children alike to have photos taken with her.

The Sugipyon brand is used on Sugito local government marketing material, town signage and granite carvings of Sugipyon stand guard at the entrance to the Sugito town administration building.

## SUGIPYON & SUGITARO

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Sugito, as a fifth station rest town on the Nikko Kaido road, the character, “Sugitaro” which looks somewhat like a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, made a guest appearance and will take up residence in Sugito.

Both characters featured in celebrations for the 20th anniversary of our sister city relationship and Sugito's 400th anniversary on Sunday October 30, 2016.

To commemorate the sister city 20th anniversary, the Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association has purchased a Sugipyon costume, so she will make regular appearance at festivals and events in the Busselton area in future years.



# LIFE MEMBERS

## **Enid Lowe - October 2011**

Enid's contribution during her 10 years on committee was marked by her willingness to contribute in any way possible and to take every opportunity to be involved in Shire of Busselton Sister Cities Association (SOBSCA) activities. Her particular legacy is creating the SOBSCA Gift Collection register.

## **Noreen Jones - October 2011**

As an author and researcher Noreen provided valuable information about Japan and contacts garnered through her writing, promotion and public speaking work to SOBSCA.

Noreen wrote various homestay handbooks, assisted with compilation of the SOBSCA gift collection and assisted with improvements to governance of the organisation.

## **Cheryl Fahey - November 2011**

Cheryl was integral to the formation of the sister city relationship through her membership and presidency of Geographe Bay Rotary Club. Among her other contributions, Cheryl organised the transport of the fire truck, gifted by Sugito in 2000, and assisted with art exchanges between Busselton Primary School students and their peers in Sugito.

## **Mike Ashbolt - November 2011**

Mike was the inaugural president of SOBSCA formed in February 1998. He coordinated the building of the Busselton Sugito Friendship Garden a gift from Sugito, adjacent to the Busselton library, which was created in January 1998. Together with Cheryl Fahey, they were key players in promoting Busselton and Bunbury as joint hosts for the 2001 national Australian Sister Cities Association conference. He organised the early community exchange visits to and from Sugito.



## **Ray Toia - November 2011**

Ray's affiliation with SOBSCA, and later Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association (BASSCA) began in 1995 with the student exchange program. He served as the association's President for 14 years. Ray's key contributions have been leadership and administration, coordination with Mary-lee Kemp of the student exchange program, and succession planning guidance to the new model of an employed part time executive officer.

## **Mary-Lee Kemp - 2013**

Mary-lee's commitment to the sister city relationship began with two years of teaching English in Sugito in 2002. She has been a member of the student exchange sub-committee since its inception and continues to be a significant contributor to the exchange activity. In addition Mary-lee has held the role of treasurer, gift collection coordinator and student exchange over a number of years.

# CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

## A BRIEF HISTORY

### Lead Up to the Agreement:

- 1992** - Saitama Rotary representatives (including Sugito) visit Busselton and the South West
- Busselton Shire Council resolves to investigate entering into a sister city arrangement
- 1993** - Reciprical Rotaract visit to Saitama and Busselton
- Discussions re establishing student exchange program
- Sugito Rotary Club members visit Busselton
- Two Sugito Board of Education members visit Busselton
- 1994** - Sugito Rotary Club members visit Busselton
- Busselton Rotary Club visit to Sugito
- 10 Sugito JHS students and 2 staff visit Busselton on the first school's exchange
- Four members of Sugito Town Assembly visit Busselton and hold discussions with a view to establishing a sister city relationship
- 1995** - First school exchange Busselton SHS students visit Sugito
- Reciprical Rotary Clubs visits to Sugito and Busselton
- Sugito Overseas Exchange Investigation Association formed
- Japan Exchange Teaching position (JET) in Sugito - assists sister city aims
- Japanese woodcut artist Mr Hiroshi Tomihari exhibition
- Sugito Mayor Ogawa visits Busselton
- 1996** - Ms Mizuki Sugawara- artist in residence and exhibition in Busselton
- Shire of Busselton Sister City Steering Committee formed
- Sugito planning delegations visit Busselton
- Shire of Busselton Sister City Committee's (SOBSSCA) inaugural meeting

- Sister City Agreement signed in Sugito by Busselton Shire President Mrs Beryle Morgan and the Mayor of Sugito Mr Isichi Ogawa First Community Exchange

### Following the Agreement:

- 1997** - Sister City Agreement signed
- Sugito Town Assembly visited Busselton to counter sign agreement
- First Busselton Assistant English Teacher to Sugito
- First Sugito staff exchange to Busselton
- 1998** - Japanese garden constructed next to Library
- Shire of Busselton Sister City Committee formed to manage sister city relationship
- Second Sugito staff exchange to Busselton
- Joined Australian Sister Cities Association (ASCA)
- Second Busselton Assistant English Teacher to Sugito
- Name change to *Shire of Busselton Sister City Association (SOBSCA)*
- 1999** - Sugito community group visits Busselton
- Two stone lanterns gifted for Japanese garden
- SOBSCA webpage uploaded (linked to Shire webpage)
- Third Sugito staff exchange to Busselton
- Gift collection catalogued
- National ASCA Conference award for Japanese garden project
- First Busselton-Sugito Shire Staff Exchange
- 2000** - Shire Staff Exchange Policy adopted
- Fourth Sugito staff exchange to Busselton
- Fire truck gifted to Busselton by Sugito town
- Sugito staff exchange to Busselton
- National ASCA Conference award for School Exchange Program
- Busselton Shire Staff exchange to Sugito



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| <p><b>2001</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Week long sister city exhibition in grounds of Busselton Library</li> <li>- SOBSCA newsletter 1000 copies regularly distributed</li> <li>- Busselton delegation attend Aguri Park Yume opening</li> <li>- Fifth staff exchange to Busselton</li> <li>- Mr Hiroshi Tomihari workshops and exhibition in Busselton</li> <li>- Gift collection exhibition at Old Courthouse</li> <li>- Shire Staff exchange to Busselton</li> <li>- ASCA 2001 Conference hosted by Busselton and Bunbury</li> <li>- Attendance by Mayor, Mr Ogawa and Hanayagi dance group</li> <li>- Inaugural SOBSCA marquee display at the Busselton Show</li> </ul> | <p><b>2003</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inaugural YR11 Language exchange to Sugito</li> <li>- Second Busselton Shire Staff exchange to Sugito</li> <li>- Inaugural language-based exchange program visit to Sugito</li> <li>- Busselton Shire Brass Band visit to Sugito.</li> <li>- Combined performances with Suginoko Wind Orchestra</li> <li>- Sugito Staff Exchange to Busselton</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>2002</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trial shipment of goods for sale Sugito Aguri Park</li> <li>- Inaugural Busselton and Bunbury Sister City Committees joint meeting</li> <li>- 11 Sugito JHS students and 2 staff visit on ninth schools exchange</li> </ul>  | <p><b>2004</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sugito Gardeners visit to advise on development and maintenance of Busselton-Sugito Friendship Garden</li> <li>- SOBSCA regular full colour page features in the "Busselton Dunsborough Mail"</li> </ul>   |
|                    |   | <p><b>2005</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- End of Busselton Sugito teacher exchange program</li> </ul>  |
|                    |   | <p><b>2006</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Busselton visit to Sugito - included 10 anniversary celebrations</li> <li>- Busselton Art exhibition held in Sugito</li> <li>- New SOBSCA Logo developed</li> <li>- BASSCA web page developed</li> </ul>   |



- 2007** - 10th Anniversary celebrations
  - 2008** - General activities
  - 2009** - School exchange open to Year 9 students from five Busselton schools
  - 2010** - General activities
  - 2011** - Great Eastern Earthquake & Tsunami fundraising dinner
  - 2012** - SOBBSCA float in Festival of Busselton parade
    - City status proclamation visit by Mayor of Sugito
    - SOBBSCA renamed to Busselton and Sugito Sister Cities Association. (BASSCA)
  - 2013** - City Relationships Officer appointed as Executive Officer to BASSCA
    - Dedication of redeveloped Busselton Sugito Friendship Japanese Garden
  - 2014** - Team Sugito athletes competed in Sunsmart Half Ironman
  - 2015** - Planning for 20th Anniversary activities commenced
  - 2016** - 20th Anniversary Busselton delegation visit to Sugito for Sugito's 400th Anniversary & sister city 20th Anniversary reaffirmation signing
    - Legislative Council delegation visit to Sugito
    - 20th Anniversary year-long program of events and recognition commences.
  - 2017** - Sugito Mayoral delegation visit to Busselton
    - Sugipyon mascot debut in Busselton
    - 20th anniversary reaffirmation signing ceremony
    - Bridge of Friendship history book launched
- Note: Student exchange**
- Sugito to Busselton every August (except in 2008, 2009)
  - Busselton to Sugito every September/October (except 2009)
- Adult exchange**
- To Busselton odd year, to Sugito even year (except 2009, 2011)





# BUSSELTON

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

### 文化経験 バッセルトン

**Developing Relationships Through Experiences**  
 Host City participants provide meaningful experiences and cultural exposure. The host city experience allows for a more personal connection between the two cultures. Opportunities for developing friendships that may last a lifetime.

**文化経験**  
 バッセルトンでは、文化経験を通じて、お互いの文化を学び、理解を深めることができます。また、お互いの文化を体験することで、お互いの文化に対する理解が深まり、友情が生まれる可能性があります。

**EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE**  
 School exchanges create meaningful connections between Busseton Senior High School and Sugito Senior High School. The exchange program offers the rich cultural experience of living with host families. This provides an excellent opportunity for mutual understanding of the two languages studied in both countries and enhances communication skills.

**教育交流**  
 バッセルトンとスギトの高校間で、教育交流が行われます。これは、お互いの文化を学び、理解を深めるための素晴らしい機会です。また、お互いの文化を体験することで、お互いの文化に対する理解が深まり、友情が生まれる可能性があります。

**COMMUNITY & BUSINESS GROWTH**  
 The presence of Sister Cities relationships.  
 Host city initiatives enable the people of Busseton and Sugito to participate in community, social, and cultural events. These programs offer a unique insight into the way of life in each country, making the experience of community and social growth.

**コミュニティとビジネスの成長**  
 シスターシティズ関係の存在。ホストシティのイニシアチブにより、バスセルトンとスギトの市民が、コミュニティ、社会、文化イベントに参加できます。これらのプログラムは、それぞれの国の生活様式への独特の洞察を提供し、コミュニティと社会の成長の経験をもたらします。








# EXPERIENCE

## OPPORTUNITY

### 経験の機会

**Busseton Youth Band**  
 Curious to know more about the culture of Busseton? Youth Band is a great way to experience the culture of Busseton and to meet new friends. The band is made up of students from Busseton Senior High School and Sugito Senior High School. They perform at various events and competitions. The band is a great way to experience the culture of Busseton and to meet new friends.

**Busseton Youth Band**  
 バッセルトン・ユース・バンドは、バスセルトンの文化を知りたいという方にとって、素晴らしい機会です。バンドは、バスセルトンとスギトの高校生で構成されており、様々なイベントやコンクールで演奏しています。これは、バスセルトンの文化を体験し、新しい友達を見つけるための素晴らしい機会です。

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**Busseton Youth Orchestra**  
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**Sugito Fire Engine**  
 Get to know the Sugito Fire Engine. The engine is a great way to experience the culture of Sugito and to meet new friends. The engine is made up of students from Sugito Senior High School. They perform at various events and competitions. The engine is a great way to experience the culture of Sugito and to meet new friends.

**Sugito Fire Engine**  
 スギト消防エンジンを紹介します。エンジンは、スギトの文化を知りたいという方にとって、素晴らしい機会です。エンジンは、スギトの高校生で構成されており、様々なイベントやコンクールで演奏しています。これは、スギトの文化を体験し、新しい友達を見つけるための素晴らしい機会です。









# Community exchange

**Local Government Youth Exchanges**  
 Exchange students from both countries have the opportunity to experience the culture of the host city. The exchange program offers the rich cultural experience of living with host families. This provides an excellent opportunity for mutual understanding of the two languages studied in both countries and enhances communication skills.

**Local Government Youth Exchanges**  
 両国からの交換留学生は、ホストシティの文化を体験する素晴らしい機会です。このプログラムは、ホストファミリーと生活することで、お互いの文化に対する理解が深まり、友情が生まれる可能性があります。

**Busseton Youth Exchange League**  
 Helping to make a difference. The Busseton Youth Exchange League is a great way to experience the culture of Busseton and to meet new friends. The league is made up of students from Busseton Senior High School and Sugito Senior High School. They perform at various events and competitions. The league is a great way to experience the culture of Busseton and to meet new friends.

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 バッセルトン・ユース・エクスチェンジ・リーグは、バスセルトンの文化を知りたいという方にとって、素晴らしい機会です。リーグは、バスセルトンとスギトの高校生で構成されており、様々なイベントやコンクールで演奏しています。これは、バスセルトンの文化を体験し、新しい友達を見つけるための素晴らしい機会です。

**Celebrating Friendship**  
 1996 - 2006  
 Having the past ten years, the annual community exchange of all types between the two cities has been successful. The program has been successful in creating a strong bond between the two cities. The program has been successful in creating a strong bond between the two cities.

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 両市間の交流が成功を収めた。このプログラムは、両市間の交流を成功に導き、両市間の交流を成功に導きました。










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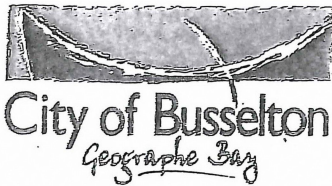


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