



ANNUAL PLAN 2009

Mission

To act as a non-profit organisation working to increase global co-operation at the local level, promote cultural understanding, stimulate economic development and play a part in the achievement of world peace by fostering a citizens network of organizations and individuals devoted to creating and strengthening partnerships between various New Zealand and International communities. (*Rules of SCNZ (Inc.). Clause 2.1*)

Objectives

To support members of the organisation and other interested parties by conducting conferences, workshops and other events that facilitate the exchange of ideas and provide the platform for better understanding and execution of sister city ideals.

To build a resource of best practice examples of all aspects of sister city functions including governance structures and agreements, management practices, operational guidelines and historical records, for the benefit of all seeking advice and information on exchanges and other sister city activities.

To maintain communications that motivate, encourage and guide the widest possible community of interest on the opportunities presented by existing and potential sister city-type linkages.

Operations

Annual Conference

Appropriate planning and delivery support for Cambridge Organising Committee of Waipa District Council, host of the conference to be held 22 – 24 April 2009. This includes the requirements and conduct of the Annual General Meeting.

Practitioners' Workshops

Conducting two one-day workshops at no charge to participants, to be held in Porirua on 10 February and Dunedin on 11 February.

Resource Base

Continue the development of a resource library, as commenced by the Aichi Project, and encompassing examples of sister city governance, management and practice from partnerships with all parts of the world.

Key Contact Database

Up to date maintenance of key contact database among members, other local governments, like-minded organisations, international partners and associates.

Website

Maintenance of the SCNZ Inc. website as the key information tool of the organisation – content to be current and relevant at all times.

ENewsletter

Issue of the enewsletter on a regular monthly basis, with extra 'special editions' according to need. Content to be brief and topical. Constantly building the newsletter email database to maximise distribution.

Other

General support as appropriate for all external parties seeking assistance to maximise the benefits of sister cities in accordance with the SCNZ Inc. mission.