

SISTER SHIRE POLICY

SCOPE

Councillors of Banana Shire Council

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009 Section 262

OBJECTIVE

To recognise and foster, the formal twinning agreement of 13th March 1998 and the active Sister Shires relationship held by Banana Shire with the Commune of Boulouparis in the South Province of New Caledonia, an overseas Territory of France, and to maintain a good relationship with its Local Government and local communities.

As part of the fostering of a stable and growing friendship between the local governments and citizens, recognise that regular and formal or civic contact between community leaders and officials of the Sister Shires is required.

DEFINITIONS

Civic Visits	The visitation, including travelling, receiving and hosting of visits to Banana Shire by citizens of Boulouparis, and to Boulouparis by citizens of the Banana Shire.
Council	Banana Shire Council
Councillors	Includes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other Councillors, unless specifically identified.
Formal Visits	The visitation, including travelling, receiving and hosting of visits to the Banana Shire by Officials of the Commune of Boulouparis and to Boulouparis by Councillors or other Officials of Banana Shire.

POLICY

Formal visits by Banana Shire Council to Boulouparis shall be by the Mayor and or Deputy Mayor of Council (or delegate approved by Council). Formal visits must have prior approval from Council.

Formal Visit may be made in conjunction with a Civic Visit.

Council may meet any travel and accommodation expenses involved for a Formal Visit to Boulouparis however every effort should be made to minimise these costs through sponsorship or donation.

Formal visits to Boulouparis shall be limited to once per council term.

If feasible, and subject to agreement by the Commune of Boulouparis, Formal Visits to Boulouparis are to alternate biennially with hosting a visit from Boulouparis.

Council may contribute to or meet the cost of hosting a visit from Boulouparis to Banana Shire.

PROCEDURE

Procedures as approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer, and subject to further revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

CERTIFICATION



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

11/9/21

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DATE