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Cockburn hosts fourth visit from Chinese sister city of Yueyang

Lunch at a local Chinese restaurant and a visit to Cockburn ARC featured among local activities enjoyed by a delegation from the City of Cockburn's Chinese sister city of Yueyang, today.

The six-member delegation arrived in Perth last night and will spend two days in Perth, one with the Mayor, Councillors and staff of the City of Cockburn which established the sister city relationship in 1998.

In the past 19 years, the City has hosted four Yueyang delegations and has visited the prefecture-level city at the north-eastern corner of Hunan province in South Central China three times, the last being in 2010.

Growing Cockburn Central, with its award-winning Integrated Health centre and new police station, and beachside Coogee were among the local tour sites along with other tourist attractions in and around Fremantle.

Mayor Logan Howlett said sister city relationships promoted Cockburn by fostering international economic development, tourism and trade relations.

"Sister city relationships help our City seek a wider understanding of other nations, their traditions, customs, education and cultures, and to promote to other nations the traditions, customs, education and cultures of Australia," Mayor Howlett said.

"And importantly, these relationships foster international peace and goodwill."

As part of official proceedings, Mayor Howlett presented the Chinese delegation with a kangaroo-shaped lapel pin, six symbolic mini didgeridoos and a pen encased in sheoak, karri and jarrah timber.



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The City of Cockburn also has sister city relationships with Split in Croatia and Mobile in the USA, established in 1998 and 2005 respectively.

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