

## **5.1 Koshigaya Staff Exchange Visitor**

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### **Recommendation**

That Council thanks Marina Shiratori for her participation in the Koshigaya staff exchange program and invites her to say a few words at the Council meeting.

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Marina Shiratori has spent the last two months visiting Campbelltown from our sister city Koshigaya as part of our staff exchange program. Marina is the eleventh Koshigaya staff member to participate in this program.

Our staff exchange program with Koshigaya has been running since 1996 and since that time we have taken turns sending a staff member on exchange each year. This exchange program is an important part of our sister city relationship with Koshigaya, Japan and has resulted in many lasting connections and the realisation of key projects in both cities.

Over the last two months Marina has participated in a detailed exchange program to learn about Campbelltown City Council and life in Australia. Her schedule has included visits to most sections of Council to encourage learning and the sharing of ideas for the benefit of both cities. She has also visited a number of key locations across the city during her stay. Marina also played an important role during the recent delegation visit from Koshigaya as part of the 35th celebrations of our sister city agreement.

Marina has developed a strong love for Campbelltown and I know she will be a passionate ambassador for our city.

### **Attachments**

Nil