



## ROAD TO BE NAMED IN HONOUR OF SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields has announced a private road in the city will be named “Minokamo Way” to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city partnership between Dubbo and Minokamo.

At Monday night’s May Ordinary Meeting, Council endorsed the Mayoral Minute proposing the road running from Coronation Drive, past the entrance of the Shoyoen Garden as “Minokamo Way”.

The dedication will be part of celebrations when a Minokamo delegation led by Mayor Ito visits Dubbo in November 2019.

In addition, signs will be installed in English and Japanese to indicate the name of the private road, with the official unveiling by the Mayors of Dubbo and Minokamo during November’s celebrations.

Councillor Shields said naming of the private road would be a fitting way of recognising the significance of Minokamo gifting Dubbo with the Shoyoen Garden and Jurien Teahouse.

“We are very lucky to have a sister city that has embraced the relationship and I think it will be very wonderful that everyone who comes into the gardens will see the signage for Minokamo Way,” Councillor Shields said.

“I hope Mayor Ito and the delegation who are coming to visit in November are pleased with our decision.”

A delegation of 20 Dubbo residents will travel to Minokamo in October 2019 to attend the Nakasendo Festival and other activities to mark the anniversary. Delegates will pay their own travel and accommodation costs for the trip.

A Minokamo delegation will then come to Dubbo between November 22 and 25 2019 for local festivities. As part of the celebrations, an event is planned at the Shoyoen Garden on Sunday, 24 November 2019.

The Minokamo delegates will join with Councillors, other dignitaries and local residents to attend the traditional Japanese tea ceremony in the Jurien conducted by tea masters from the Urasenke Association Sydney.

A report will also be presented to Council in July investigating the creation and installation of interpretive signage depicting the design, construction and ongoing development of the Shoyoen Garden.

“The purpose of the signage would be to publicly display the city’s gratitude to the people of Minokamo for gifting of the Shoyoen and Jurien to Dubbo. In addition it would inform visitors of the sister city history behind the establishment of the Japanese gardens and their integral role as the centrepiece of the Elizabeth Park Botanical Gardens precinct,” Councillor Shields said.

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