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## Friendship agreement with Beijing district

Shoalhaven City Council has signed a Friendship Agreement with representatives of the Xuan Wu district in Beijing. The Friendship Agreement was signed with Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green on 19 April.

“Council welcomes strong relations with a number of cities and areas around the Globe and welcomes this agreement with one of the oldest districts in Beijing, China,” Cllr Green said. “A close relationship with Xuan Wu will bring benefits for our city as Xuan Wu is at the heart of a very dynamic and strong country with which Australia enjoys strong relations.”

Xuan Wu is the third largest district in Beijing and is 16.5 square km in size and is home to 530,000 residents, making it the third-largest district in the old city part of Beijing. The district is located outside the Imperial Inner City and was predominantly reserved for the lower class. Although rich in history it is one of the older districts of the once Imperial City.

Du Lingxin, Deputy Mayor of Xuan Wu District, Zhang Zongyou, Director of the Bureau of Finance, Zhang Tongda, Deputy Director, Foreign Affairs office, Shen Yihong, Director, Service Centre of Xuan Wu, Xu Dianwen, Deputy Director, Emergency Office of Xuan Wu, made up the Beijing delegation to Shoalhaven.

**Photo captions:** Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green with Du Lingxin, Deputy Mayor of Xuan Wu District, displaying the Friendship Agreement.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green and his wife, Michelle Green, join with members of the Xuan Wu delegation at the signing of the Friendship Agreement.

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