

Chasing the 'dragon'

Adelaide's first new sister city relationship in more than 30 years will generate "hundreds of millions of dollars" to the South Australian economy, Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood says.

In what is being touted as a major coup, Adelaide City Council will today announce a deal signed with Qingdao, a major industrial metropolis port on the Chinese west coast.

Mr Yarwood described Qingdao as "one of the five economic dragon cities in China". The deal with the city, historically known as Tsingtao and world-renowned for its beer, is being viewed as more valuable as the council's four other sister city relationships combined due to the strength of its economy and the ability to tap into key Chinese relationships.

Mr Yarwood, who led a delegation to the area last year, described the opportunities as "potentially boundless" and would strengthen local ties.

"With a long term commitment by (the)



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city, state, business and universities, it is likely to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in business opportunities, especially in trade, tourism, education and development," he told *The City*.

Chinese business is largely based on building relationships, meaning South Australian businesses would be best placed to capitalise on the deal.

"This is a massive coup. It is the number one tourist city. The opportunities are far reaching. It is our gateway to the biggest market in the world."

The council will spend \$46,000 on its sister city program this financial year.

Town Hall officials said the new international relationship, the first since 1983, would boost trade and exports, business migration, overseas investment and tourism

The relationship with Qingdao, population of more than eight million, came after months of delicate, high level negotiations. The State Government has backed the deal. It formalises the once "friendly co-operative" relationship with the city, located in eastern Shandong province about 670 kilometres southwest of Beijing.

China is South Australia's largest two-way trade partner, accounting for almost a fifth of the state's total exports, compared to just eight per cent five years ago, according to a council report tabled at last night's meeting.

China Advisory Council chairman Sean Keenihan described the deal as incredibly important.

"Both cities really will reap the benefits, not only in the business sector, but through education, industry and tourism as well," he said. The city council has four sister city relationships with Christchurch New Zealand, Georgetown, in Penang, Malaysia, the American city of Austin and Himeji in Japan.

Man critical after assault

A man has been left critically injured in another late-night city assault. Emergency crews were called to a HQ nightclub at the corner of North and West terraces when the man was found unconscious about 8.10am on Sunday. He was taken to the Royal Adelaide Hospital with serious head injuries and was in a critical condition at the time of deadline. The suspect was described as a man of Asian appearance, with short dark hair, 170-180cm tall, aged in his early 20s. HQ licensee Rod Rose said CCTV of the incident and of the alleged suspect entering the premises was supplied to police.

Red tape seen as suffocating

South Australia's heavily regulated trading hours and some of the highest taxes and utility rates in the nation are preventing the state from creating thousands of jobs that would boost its economy, the Productivity Commission has been told. Australia's biggest retailers and industry leaders used their submissions to the commission's retail inquiry to demand an end to SA's "archaic" red tape, some saying they would be better off moving their businesses overseas. Gilmour's Comfort Shoes says it is easier to set up a business in the US than it is in Adelaide.



Treadly Bike shop owner Sam Neeft is hosting the annual Show and Shine display of bicycles next week at Ebenezer Place.

Picture: DYLAN COKER

Don't be a cycle scrooge, Treadly down to Ebenezer Place

It's everything bicycle lovers want - to gawk at bikes and talk about bikes.

This is what will happen at the Treadly Show 'n' Shine/Swap Meet, which will take over Ebenezer Place this week as part of VeloFringe.

Anyone can come along to show off their

bikes, buy or sell bike parts and talk about cycling.

Treadly Bike Shop owner Sam Neeft says he hopes to make it an annual event.

"Everyone hangs out and talks bikes, it's a lot of gibberish going on if you don't understand what people are going on

about," he laughs. "But it's for everyone, not just the bike community ... it might encourage people who don't ride to get on a bike."

The Treadly Show 'n' Shine and Swap Meet is on at Ebenezer Place, Saturday, May 24, 10am (Show 'n' Shine at noon).

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