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Margaret Hardy (right) with Slovakian residents on her recent trip. Picture: TERRY COLLINS

# Margaret says 'hi' to sister cities

Terry Collins

IT has been a busy six weeks for Margaret Hardy.

The secretary of Gosford's Sister City Association Committee combined an overseas holiday with visits to two of our sister cities in Japan and Slovakia.

She paid her first visit to the city of Nitra in Slovakia, attending a tourism conference and presenting a paper on Gosford.

"It was my first time in Slovakia and it was utterly fascinating."

she said. "The Slovaks are encouraging their residents to visit sister cities all over the world, including Gosford, and I was able to point out aspects of our unique environment."

From there, Ms Hardy met up with other representatives of the committee for a visit to Etogawa, Japan, where they presented a cheque for \$1327 for the Tsunami Disaster Fund.

The money was raised at a special concert at the Japanese Garden, East Gosford, on July 6.

## PICTURE REQUEST

- NITRA has requested photographs of Gosford City to be used as promotional material at the Nitra Tourist Bureau
- They will also be used in brochures and on the web to encourage residents to visit Gosford
- Ms Hardy would like to accept any photographs at [margarethardy1981@gmail.com](mailto:margarethardy1981@gmail.com)
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