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Venue:	Meeting Room – 1A Pope Street Ryde			
Date:	Monday 11 th February 2019			
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm	Closed at: 7.35pm	
Chair:	Councillor Gordo	on		
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors			
Staff Convenor:	Sue Verhoek			
Circulation:				

Committee Role:

The primary role of the Arts Advisory Committee is to:

Consider matters and inform Council and Council officers of community views and likely impact regarding:

The progress of arts and cultural sector within the City of Ryde to make Ryde a culturally rich and vibrant community. The Committee is responsible for providing advice and recommendations to Council and Council officers on the following objectives:

- Developing excellence in arts at both community and professional levels
- Developing policies and strategies that advance arts and culture
- · Creating an arts economy by developing creative industries
- Supporting existing and growing emerging artistic talent and creative communities
- Using arts and culture to celebrate community identity through exhibitions and festivals
- Utilising arts and cultural activity to enhance community wellbeing, social inclusion and cohesion
- Supporting the development of arts and cultural infrastructure and the activation of public spaces for arts and cultural activity

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Gordon	Chairperson	City of Ryde
✓		Councillor Pedersen	Delegate	City of Ryde
	✓	Councillor Zhou	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Antonia Coutelis		
	✓	Rose Torrosian		
✓		Leonard Fung		
	✓	Margaret Mayger		
✓		Therese MacKenzie		
		Cecilia Hwang		
✓ 🗆		Suzanne Hauser		
	✓	Priya Eliezer		
	✓	Rita Lepedjian		
✓		Edna Wilde OAM		
✓		Jenny Ericksson		
	✓	Sarah De Jong.		
✓		Alison Wall		



Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Lindsay Godfrey	Manager – Ranger and Community Services	City of Ryde
✓		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Social Development & Capacity Building	City of Ryde
✓		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
	✓	Angela Jones-Blayney	Director – Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde
✓		Michael Paine	Community and Cultural Planner	City of Ryde

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1.	Present: As detailed above. Welcome: Cir Gordon welcomed all present.	Attendees are as per above.
2.	Apologies: As detailed above.	As noted above.
3.	Confirmation of the Minutes	
	The minutes from the meeting dated 12 th November 2018 were adopted.	The information was noted.
	Actions from previous minutes:	
	Item 4 – Macquarie Park and West Ryde Art Walk	
	Discussion with potential users to be undertaken when possible designs for Wilga Park are considered.	
	Item 5.2: Death of Richard Gill AO	
	Suggestions made will be considered when a suitable commemorative activity is determined.	
	Item 5.3: Update on the Arts & Culture Position	
	The position will be readvertised and the new appointee invited to the February meeting of this committee to discuss the cultural plan and to seek feedback from committee members.	
	Item 5.4- Update on Illuminatrope Public Art installation	
	Lighting to be incorporated into the base supporting the sculpture to provide better visibility.	
	Item 5.6- Sesquicentenary of the City of Ryde	
	Further consideration will be given to this matter by the Committee in 2019.	
	Item 6.2- Traffic Signal Boxes	
	Staff to investigate whether traffic signal boxes in Ryde could be decorated with bright artworks, as in Lane Cove and Canada Bay.	



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ils	Action
Agenda Items	
4.1 Strategic Perspective – creativity program and infrastructure	
Lindsay Godfrey introduced himself to the group and advised that he commence his position with Council in October 2018. Significant planning is being undertake including the development of a Social Plan, Creativity Strategy and Halls ar Facilities Strategy including a review of the Community and Cultural Infrastructu Framework.	en nd
Lindsay encouraged the Committee's involvement with identifying infrastructure ar opportunities for the arts community. Strategies to be developed will examir buildings, facilities, support for the arts, grants and connections between peop and place	ne
4.2 – Update on Ryde Central	
The committee was advised that a report will be provided to Council soon and present there is no update.	at The information was noted
Concept plans are expected to go to public consultation in mid-2019 with the committee provided with an opportunity to review the plans.	nis
It was suggested that a special meeting of this group be called at that time.	
4.3 Wilga Park Arts Event	
The City Activation team is coordinating the event; however no date has been s until confirmation of a completion date for the park upgrade.	et The information was noted
Input will be sought from this group re. the arts event.	
4.4 Street Pryde (street art project)	
The City Activation team is coordinating this project and a report will be presented to Council in April 2019, which will identify possible sites and sources of funding.	The information was noted. Hannah to be invited to a futur meeting
Following consideration of the report by Council, Hannah will be invited to upda this committee.	
4.5 City of Ryde Social Plan and Creativity Strategy	
Mike Paine provided an overview of the Social Plan and Creativity Strategy.	The information was noted
The Social Plan will investigate social needs and the aspirations of people in the Ryde LGA and identify key trends and the social influences that impact on people quality of life. The strategy will incorporate the volunteer strategy and you strategy.	es'
The Creativity Strategy will drive the delivery of an achievable program of initiative that will contribute to the cultural and creative life of the City.	es
Both documents will be updated regularly and will inform the Community Strateg Plan, Operational Plan and Delivery Program.	gic
A comprehensive community engagement plan has been designed and w commence in late February 19.	ıllı İ

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4.6 Engagement with creative arts practitioners – Creativity Strategy

Engagement forums will be held with various Council Advisory Committees, faith The information was noted organisations, creative groups and individuals, service providers and school administrators. A range of tools and techniques will be used including phone and online surveys and intercept and telephone interviews.

An online survey will be available for community members and will be promoted at citizenship ceremonies and other Council events.

Facebook post to be arranged

It was noted that there is a need to tap into individual artists who are not connected Staff to arrange for message to be with organised groups. Contact is to be made via Arts Facebook groups and a Facebook post.

conveyed at Citizenship ceremonies

Council's artists register was discussed and it was agreed that the categories need to be expanded and the information updated.

Meredith Kirkton at Eden Gardens was nominated as a good contact for staff.

The data base from events such as the IWD art prize is to be investigated.

It was mentioned that an event which will capture the attention of creative art participants is required.

More planning re. Halls and facilities management will be undertaken and advocacy to state and federal government for creative infrastructure to meet the demands of the growing population will be sought.

4.7 Australia Day - Battle of the Bands

Councillor Pedersen was a judge at this popular event and Satin V (a five piece The information was noted band) won the competition. The winning band was fresh and had a fusion of jazz and rock. Clr Pedersen interviewed the group after their win and has suggested that people "watch this space".

Disfunction won the peoples prize at the event.

Registrations for 2020 are being accepted.

4.8 Sculpture by the River

Illuminatrope – the unveiling was a great success and the artists are thrilled with the The information was noted installation location.

A discussion regarding sculpture by the river was raised at the Illuminatrope unveiling.

No decision is required at present but it is something to think about for the future. Suggestions for future events included the installation of permanent items further along the river or a special event such as held in Hunters Hill.

Suggestions for events included, performances, workshops, sculpture exhibits all along the river, a Banjo Paterson Festival etc.

It was noted that the PRCG is trying to get arts groups active along the river.

The Illuminatrope sculpture was moved a number of times before being permanently located in Ryde.

All suggestions for activities can be considered as part of the consultation process.

It was noted that the river provides a great opportunity for art to be displayed.

It may be possible to arrange a joint project with neighbouring Councils and to join the Hunters Hill event - Sculptures by the Sea



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It may even be possible to join Barrangaroo and Bennelong.

Funding could be sought to develop a joint project between different Councils along the river. Any event arranged as part of the Sydney Festival would attract a high level of funding.

City of Ryde artists need to be involved.

4.9 Artists register

Sue advised that Yasmine Masri has been appointed to the position of Arts and The information was noted Cultural Development Coordinator and will commence on the 17 February 19.

Yasmine currently works for a developer procuring art and is also a curator. Formerly from Canberra, Yasmine has a background in theatre and is a NIDA graduate.

Yasmine will be asked to create a contemporary opportunity for people to participate and to capture the artists in the area. She will also be involved in establishing a Night Time Economy and creative portal to capture information about artists in the area.

There is a lot of work to do in this area in terms of keeping the information current and sustainable in terms of staff time and data collection.

Other Councils such as Bermagui and Kandos are to be approached regarding creation of the register and ease of use of the portal. The portal needs to be easy for the consumer to use.

The need to support and boost existing groups such as the Historical Society was noted due to retiring members not being replaced.

General Business 6

Artworks purchased at COR Art Show

The works which Councillor Pedersen had purchased on behalf of Council at the 2018 Art Show was on display. Clr Pedersen gave a brief background of each work and artist and advised that funding to purchase works for Council is provided from the Mayor's budget.

The information was noted

A small work by Milchi, an important emerging artist was purchased.

The major piece purchased was selected as it highlights the multicultural face of Ryde.

A piece of work from the inclusive section of the show by Les Marsozski was also purchased.

It was suggested that Council could offer further support to the Art Show in future years by providing a guest judge or prize money.

International Women's Day – 9th March 2019 at Civic Hall

The guest speakers for 2019 will be Dee Madigan and Jenna Price.

The event will feature: great music, slam poets, talks by Emily Dash, Angela Phippen and others.

It is hoped that the change of day from Friday to Saturday will allow attendance by a wider group of women i.e. working women, students etc.

The information was noted



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Ryde Eisteddfod – 13th July to 7th September 2019

The Eisteddfod is seeking volunteers, especially young people, to help at its various sites.

Contact to be made with Youth Council to seek volunteers

Artisans Ryde

This group conducts events in West Ryde on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12.30pm.

The information was noted

Participants bring a plate and eat together at the end of the session. What began as a cross cultural group has a focus on people who wish to create. A major event is being planned for Christmas 2019.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill

Jenny Ericksson advised there is an essay on this subject. The Bill is looking to make register of aboriginal assets both intangible and environmental. It was noted that Aboriginal people don't have the same sense of copyright as most authors and don't see items in public domain as we do – protocols are specific.

The information was noted

Music Events

Allison advised of upcoming events including:

- A CD launch on 14th March by her jazz band which will also be holding an open rehearsal at St Leonards on 18th March.
- The information was noted
- 30th March festival at Bowral based on Da Vinci. This is designed to appeal to children.

Ryde Youth Theatre

Suzanne advised that the following dates have been set for Youth Theatre performances 5- 6 and 13-14 April 2019. The venue has not been determined at this time.

The information was noted

Ten short plays have been written by young people aged14 or 15. The plays reflect the struggles of everyday life.

The major production for the Tuesday group will be held in November and will be based on Jane Goodall and chimp lifestyles.

The Monday group is considering works based on King Arthur etc.

Leonard Fung

Leonard is working on a Hip Hop event which if successful could tour the US.

He is filming and creating a feature touching on youth issues.

He commented that he believes youth will volunteer to assist at events when the volunteer portal is established.

The information was noted

SWAP

This event will be held in September 2019.

Council is currently looking for a group/person to run the event.

Contact Mike Paine if interested in conducting the SWAP event.

ShoreShock- Battle of the Bands

A Battle of the Bands event will be held at West Ryde on 15th March 2019, as part

Encourage local musicians to

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	of ShoreShock and bands of any genre are encouraged to take park.	participate
	Entries are open to anyone under age 19. The winners will take part in ShoreShock on 13 th April as part of Youth Week.	
7.	Next Meeting: 13 th May 2019 6 – 7.30pm Pope Street Meeting Rooms	Noted