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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde			
Date:	Monday 11 th November 2019			
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm	Closed at: 7.10pm	
Chair:	Councillor Gordon			
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors			
Staff Convenor:	Yasmin Masri, Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator			
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		Resigned
		Suzanne Hauser		Resigned
	✓	Priya Eliezer		
	✓	Rita Lepedjian		
	✓	Edna Wilde OAM		
✓		Jenny Ericksson		
✓		Sarah De Jong		
✓		Alison Wall		



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

Details Action Welcome and Introductions: Councillor Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgement to Country. Present: As detailed above. Attendees noted above. 2. Apologies: As detailed above. Apologies noted above. 3. **Confirmation of the Minutes** The minutes from the meeting dated 12th August 2019 were adopted. Noted. Matters arising from the Minutes Trim Place Lights It was noted that a light installation has been located in Trim Place at Gladesville. This has the twin advantage of providing lighting which creates a feeling of safety and is also visually attractive. Eastwood Underpass The mural painted in the Eastwood underpass has been completed and is being well received. **SWAP** This event was held in September 2019. There was a great turnout during the event with all who attended impressed by the great designs and artwork which had been produced. West Ryde Hall - piano It was noted that a piano has now been provided for the use of hirers of the West Ryde Community Hall. Agenda Items **Developing our creative sector** It was noted that there are lots of rules relating to governance which impact the Council to run business skills for development of a creative sector. creatives workshops in 2020. Communication and marketing are important facets and City of Ryde through staff

members such as Jan Bouhali, run courses which relate to marketing, etc.

Yasmin is looking into workshops

with APRA in 2020

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Details Action

Money/funding is a barrier to the creative sector. An example of the local choir which is provided a venue by Lane Cove Council but still has to charge its members to be sustainable was provided.

There is a strong community of professionals/artists in the local area but there is no professional arts organisations.

Perhaps a festival could be held which would bring all groups together. Community can self-organise this.

The library has a relationship with the Sydney Writers Fest and hosts events during the Festival. In the same way Willoughby Council has a relationship with Vivid.

It was suggested that due to a lack of venues mainstream partnerships are difficult for Council. Suggestions of possible events included:-

- Shakespeare in the Park could be encouraged
- The Writers Festival could hold an event at Kissing Point
- The Bavview Hotel holds comedy nights, perhaps a comedy festival could be encouraged
- Local hotels could partner with Council/Rotary etc for events
- The Gin Club at North Ryde could be approached for use of its venue

It was suggested that promotion of local artists and groups could be achieved by putting an article in the TWT promoting a different local artist each week.

Noted

4.2 Creative Meet Up event

Consultation carried out earlier this year showed that people in the arts community wanted the opportunity to meet and connect with each other.

An opportunity for people in art sector to meet and collaborate will be held on 20th November at 139 Rowe Street Eastwood.

The event is free but registration is essential

4.3 Artist register

The information regarding this item can be found in 4.1 above.

Council does maintain an internal artist register which lists individual artists, creative groups and organisations in the community.

Council uses this register to program local creatives in events and projects, share expressions of interest for artistic opportunities and facilitate sector networking. Artists that live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde are encouraged to register.

It was noted that the need for public liability insurance is a big limiter to many artistic groups.

It would be good to give a sense that "things are happening in Ryde".

The lack of performance venues, especially in Gladesville is an issue.

It was further noted that the halls strategy is now complete. The study has shown that Gladesville lacks venues which can be hired by the public for use.

It was suggested that an outdoor concert could be performed in Trim Place.

It was noted that affordable exhibition spaces are not available in Ryde but are available in other local government areas. Often exhibitions by locals are held outside the local area due to costs.

Noted. Details of the register are to be placed on social media/facebook to encourage registration.

Promote artist register through peak bodies such as APRA and NAVA.

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	An art gallery space is included in the proposal for the new Civic Centre being designed for Ryde.	
	In the meantime, perhaps the library spaces or even local carparks could be used as pop up spaces for exhibitions.	
5.	General Business	
	Ryde Central	
	The proposal for Ryde Central is currently to tender with a report to Council due in March 2020.	Noted
	Childcare at Advisory Committee meetings	
	Childcare is available with two weeks' notice	
	<u>Updates</u>	
	Jenny – is currently touring for two weeks. 2020 will be exciting with a project involving collaboration between Australia and Sweden.	
	Allison – has been researching the music of Alice Moyle – an early recorder of indigenous music from the 1950'2. Ms Moyle was a Dean of Music and researched indigenous music for her masters thesis. Perhaps Council's sesquicentenary could incorporate some tribute to her. Sydney University has many of her recordings.	
	Therese – There is one class left on 23 rd November 2019.	
	Sarah – there will be choir concerts on 29 th November and 13 th December	
	Clr Gordon – is currently working on two movies and a ballet for which he is writing the scores.	
6.	Next Meeting:	Noted
	Monday, 10 th February 2020 6.00pm – 7.30pm Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	