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Venue:	Meeting Room – 1A Pope Street Ryde	
Date:	Monday 12 th November 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Councillor Gordon	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine	
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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 Lapedjian		
✓		Edna Wilde OAM		
✓		Jenny Ericksson		
✓		Sarah De Jong.		
✓		Alison Wall		

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Michael Paine	Acting Manager – Ranger and Community Services	City of Ryde
✓		Liz Berger	Manager – Communications and Engagement	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
✓		John Brown	Senior Coordinator – City Activation	City of Ryde
✓		Ash Gholkar	SAFAL Festival representative	

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<p>1. Present: As detailed above.</p> <p>Welcome: Cllr Gordon welcomed all present.</p>	Attendees are as per above.
<p>2. Apologies – As detailed above.</p>	As noted above.
<p>3. Confirmation of the Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting dated 13th August 2018 were confirmed.</p>	The information was noted.
<p>4. Agenda Items</p> <p><u>Macquarie Park and West Ryde Art Walk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Brown from Urban Activation addressed the committee - John has a budget for place making in Macquarie Park raised by a levy charged on businesses which operate there. - He is trying to create a “heart” for Macquarie Park to make it more exciting and activated. - Three pieces of public art are to be installed at Wilga Park near the shopping centre. - An exhibition or event is planned when the art work installation is complete. - It was noted that parking is at a premium in that vicinity but the event will be aimed at a mostly local audience. - Suggestions for the type of event to be hosted included a photo exhibit similar to that held in Hyde Park Sydney, a sculpture exhibit, a youth theatre or orchestra performance. - Power will be available to the proposed amphitheatre - The Events team and potential users are to be consulted when planning for the space commences. 	Discussion with potential users to be undertaken when possible designs for Wilga Park are considered.
<p>5. Agenda Items</p> <p><u>5.1 The South Asian Film, arts and literature festival</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ash Gholkar addressed the committee regarding the recent festival which was held from 5 – 7 October 2018. - 2018 was the second year the festival was held following its success in 2017. - The gala dinner was well attended with 210 guests including Councillors from City of Ryde. - The trade show which was held as part of the festival was not a great success 	The information was noted.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A movie screening at Events Cinema was well attended. - The 2019 event will be held in May. - It was noted that the Diwali Festival will be held on 18th November at Meadowbank Park <p><u>5.2 Death of Richard Gill AO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Gordon advised that he had provided the Mayor with the details of the death of Richard Gill and that as a result the Mayor had submitted a Mayoral Minute to Council - Part of this minute resolved that the Arts Advisory Committee be consulted about a suitable commemorative activity by Council - Many members of this committee also advised of their close connection with Mr Gill - It was noted that Mr Gill had a great love for libraries - Edna Wilde advised that the Ryde Eisteddfod will be honouring Mr Gill with a Youth Music Award to be named the Richard Gill Award. - A number of suggestions were considered by the committee including support of a scholarship for a young composer to be given to a person of limited financial means. - Another suggestion was for a plaque and/or artwork to be purchased for display in a library. - It was suggested that an audio display of music be provided in conjunction with the artwork so visitors could listen to music whilst enjoying the art. <p><u>5.3 Update on the Arts and Culture position</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela Jones-Blayney advised that the selected candidate has advised they will not be accepting the role. The position will now be readvertised. <p><u>5.4 Update on Illuminatrope public art installation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Brown advised that following discussions with the artists that the sculpture has now been placed in Banjo Patterson Park. - Three comments have been received from the public. - Permanent placement of the sculpture will occur soon at which time a plaque and unveiling ceremony will be arranged. - It was suggested that lighting be incorporated into the base supporting the sculpture to provide better visibility at night. <p><u>5.5 Battle of the Bands</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The winner of the competition will be announced on Australia Day 2019. - To enter the competition a live performance video must be submitted - First prize is \$1000.00 with a prize of \$250.00 to the people’s choice winner. - Mentoring and studio time will also be provided to the winning band. - Entrants must be between 16 and 25 with no restriction on location <p><u>5.6 Sesquicentenary of the City of Ryde</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Heritage Advisory Committee has commenced consideration of suitable events to mark this occasion. - Further consideration can be given to this matter by this committee next year. 	<p>The information was noted and the suggestions made will be considered when a suitable commemorative activity is determined.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>6. General Business</p> <p><u>6.1 Update re City of Ryde Cultural Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Cultural Plan will guide the role and actions of the Arts Officer to be appointed. - The new appointee is to be invited to the February meeting of this 	<p>The information was noted</p>

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	<p>committee to discuss the cultural plan and to seek input from committee members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the plan will include an audit of the City of Ryde - It was noted a social plan is also being developed in conjunction with the cultural plan <p><u>6.2 Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that in Lane Cove and Canada Bay Council areas that traffic signal boxes and similar are decorated with bright artworks. - The question was asked could something similar be done in Ryde - Clr Pedersen advised she had interviewed Joy Myers Gee in relation to a solo art exhibition being held at Willandra until 2nd December –all are encouraged to attend - The artworks selected by Clr Pedersen at the recent Art Society Show were outlined including a piece purchased by Clr Pedersen to be donated to Council which was created by a special needs artists who is being mentored by the Art Society through a program it offers. - It was noted that both Council and the Art Society sponsored an inclusive award at the 2018 Art Show. - Ryde Youth Theatre will be performing two shows before the end of the year. - The first at the end of November in Putney Park and the second called Dusk which has been written by a member of the Theatre. 	<p>Staff to investigate this matter and report back to the committee</p>
6.	<p>Next Meeting: 11th February 2019 6 – 7.30pm Pope Street Meeting Rooms</p> <p>Councillor Gordon thanked the committee for its work this year and stated he felt a lot has been achieved and will be next year.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon was congratulated on his Aria nomination for Women in Black.</p>	Noted