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<b>Venue:</b>	Civic Centre, Level 5, Room 1	
<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	
<b>Time:</b>	5.00pm Started at: 5.00pm	Closed at: 6.15 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Clr Artin Etmekdjian	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	John Brown	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**Committee Role:****The primary role of the Economic Development Advisory Committee is to:**

- Provide direction and support to assist and guide Council in implementation of the City of Ryde Economic Development Strategy (EDS), identified Strategy Actions, 2009-2014.
- Identify and recognise economic development issues / projects, government and business sector initiatives and actions that underpin the EDS' three strategic themes of:
  - *Marketing of the City of Ryde;*
  - *Employment Generation;*
  - *Building Partnerships.*

**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor A Etmekdjian	Delegate (Chairperson)	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Craig Chung	Delegate (Acting Chair)	City of Ryde
		Ms June Heinrich	Principal	Macquarie Community College
		Mr Brad Chan	Director	Eastwood Centre Developments
		Mr David Tompkins	President	West Ryde Chamber of Commerce
x		Ms Yvonne Doornan	President	Gladesville Chamber of Commerce
	x	Mr Tony Abboud	President	Ryde/Macquarie Park Chamber of Commerce
x		Mr Stefan Sojka	Director	Cyrius Media Group
x		Mr Morrell Boyce	Resident	Macquarie Park Forum
x		Ms Lydia Scuglia	Chair	Ryde Business Forum
	x	Mr Graham Janes	Officer	Ryde Salvation Army
		Doug Hardy	Real Estate Agent	Meadowbank/West Ryde Progress Association
		Phil Peake	Business owner	Residents for Ryde community group
		Simone Checchia	Solicitor	Milne Berry Berger and Freedman solicitors
		Rebecca Lehman	General Manager	Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde
x		Lydia Scuglia	Board Member	RBF
x		Kaylar Michaelian	Board Member	RBF
		Stephen Chang	Solicitor	Herbert Smith Freehills
	x	Cassy Norris	Principal	Ryde Secondary College
	x	Nathan Pratt	Economic Development Manager	City of Ryde
x		Dominic Johnson	Acting General Manager	City of Ryde

**Additional Attendees**

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Meryl Bishop	Service Unit Manager – Urban Planning	City of Ryde
John Brown	Place Manager	City of Ryde
Michael Tyler	Guest speaker	NBN
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
<p><b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Those in attendance and apologies were noted.</p>	Noted	
<p><b>Minutes from Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015</b></p>	Confirmed and Endorsed	
<p><b>2. (Revised) Ryde Business Bootcamp</b></p> <p>The recent nine week bootcamp was noted as the most successful to date.</p> <p>Most attendees were from the local area and are starting up their own businesses.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">24 people enrolled with 20 completing the course</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">69% ‘Strongly Agreed’ + 31% ‘Agreed’ that the course was helpful</p> <p>Survey results were strongly supportive of the event with many stating they would pay to take part.</p>	The information was noted.	
<p><b>3. Ryde Affordability Housing Policy</b></p> <p>Meryl Bishop, Manager of Urban Planning briefed the Committee on this issue.</p> <p>Following the November 2014 summit, key issues were identified as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient housing</li> <li>• Poor choice of housing</li> <li>• Need to understand what affordable housing is.</li> </ul> <p>A Council workshop was held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and this was followed by this matter being considered by full Council.</p> <p>A Council resolution has endorsed a consultant be engaged to examine the need for affordable housing in Ryde based on the history of affordable housing in Ryde and who is experiencing housing stress.</p> <p>This information will allow Council to prepare a policy regarding the future means of addressing Affordable Housing.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The consultant appointed to carry out research is to be invited to the August meeting of this committee to discuss relevant findings.</p>	
<p><b>4. NBN Rollout update</b></p> <p>Michael Tyler of NBN addressed the Committee.</p> <p>General work in the Ryde area is not expected to commence until 30/9/2016.</p>	The information was noted.	

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<p>New developments of greater than 100 lots will be provided with fibre upon request - however this work does not need to be carried out by NBN and can be provided by any fibre provider.</p> <p>The high usage of pay TV and other uses of fibre network in this area were noted. The NBN fibre will allow very high speeds in this field.</p> <p>NBN is purchasing the Telstra and Optus Cable and will also infill properties that are not already connected when the NBN rolls out in this area.</p> <p>Private funding may be required to complete the NBN works following the expiration of Federal funding cap in 2020.</p> <p>The possibility of imposing a development consent condition to enforce the installation of fibre cabling for developments of more than 100 lots is to be further investigated.</p>	<p>Dominic Johnson to hold further discussions with relevant staff from NBN with regard to making the provision of “fibre to the premises for future developments over 100 lots” a condition of future development consents.</p>	
<p><b>5. Light Rail Symposium</b></p> <p>John Brown, Place Manager Town Centres provided a briefing on recent event.</p> <p>The symposium was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and was attended by 60 invited guests.</p> <p>Four light rail routes are being considered by the State Government, one of which would link Parramatta with Macquarie Park.</p> <p>A number of Federal and State politicians attended and had taken part in a promotional video highlighting the benefits and need for a Parramatta to Macquarie Park route.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>A letter is to be sent to the appropriate State Minister advising that all local members and the three local Mayors are united in their support of the Parramatta to Macquarie Park light rail route.</p>	
<p><b>6. EDA Conference 2015</b></p> <p>The 2015 conference will be held from 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Moreton Bay Queensland.</p> <p>Theme: Political, international, financial and technological change and risk dominate... how do we future proof our economy?</p> <p>Further discussion re attendance to be held at the next EDAC Meeting.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The registration form is to be circulated to members when it is available.</p>	

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<p><b>7. Ryde jobs and skills expo 2015</b></p> <p>The expo will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 with two sessions to be held (morning and afternoon).</p> <p>The morning session will be directed at businesses; whilst the afternoon session will be directed at job seekers.</p> <p>More information to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>8. Town Centre Renewal Program</b></p> <p>John Brown provided an update on Town Centre upgrades</p> <p><b>Current Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarry Road – upgrade of area adjacent to shops to be completed by 30 May 2015</li> <li>• Sager Place – upgrade of area adjacent to shops to be completed by July 2015</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Works</b> Rowe Street Eastwood – the upgrade planned for Rowe Street East will commence in November 2015.</p> <p><b>Key features will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A centre median to house multifunction poles and street planting</li> <li>• Electrical lines to be undergrounded on the southern side</li> <li>• The footpaths on both sides will be resurfaced</li> <li>• Gateway entry sign and public art space will be created at the intersection of Blaxland Road and Rowe St East</li> </ul> <p><b>West Ryde</b></p> <p>Opportunities are currently being explored to improve car parking, in particular, on the Ryedale Road side of the train line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The landowners of the land on either side of the railway have been identified as Transport for NSW and the Dept of Housing.</li> <li>• Discussions will now be held between State Member Hon Victor Dominello MP and representatives of these departments to see what parking space can be provided on these sites.</li> <li>• Following these discussions, community consultation will be undertaken.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>It is hoped the artwork planned for the top of Rowe Street may be completed by October 2015 in time for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Granny Smith Festival.</p>	

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<b>9.</b>	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was asked regarding the impact on Council from the threat of Council amalgamations.</li> <li>• Dominic Johnson responded that Council is adopting a “business as usual” approach.</li> </ul> <p>Council has adopted a proactive response to the government’s amalgamation proposal and is supporting a Joint Organisation model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SES Headquarters Homebush</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the lease of premises in Homebush to SES has not been renewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RBF Business After Hours Event will occur on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.</li> <li>• Human Resource Forum business breakfast is being planned .</li> </ul> <p>This event hosted by Ryde Macquarie Chambers will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Dominic Johnson to raise the possible use of Water Board site with Properties NSW.</p> <p>Publicity of this event will be provided in all Council publications and media outlets.</p> <p>Council to provide publicity for this event via the website.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held at 5pm on 12<sup>th</sup> August Level 5 meeting room – Civic Centre</p>	<p>Noted</p>	