

Subject:	Community Harmony Reference Group – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 7
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Venue:	Council Chambers 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Thursday 31 st May 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 8.pm
Chair:	Councillor Zhou	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy	
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Committee Role:

The primary role of the Community Harmony Reference Group is to:

- Provide advice to Council to ensure that Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) residents in the City of Ryde are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life and that Council recognises and values the diversity of the community

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Simon Zhou	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Peter KIm	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Sarkis Yedelian AOM	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Christopher Moujalli	Councillor Representative	City of Ryde
	x	Hugh Lee	Community Representative	Represented by Jeffrey Tse
x		Adele Garnier	Community Representative	
x		Hassib Elias	Community Representative	
		James Kim	Community Representative	
x		Rossella Tisci	Community Representative	
x		Safar Samed	Community Representative	
		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
x		Richie Howitt	Community Representative	
x		William Seung	Community Representative	
x		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
		Lesley Tomasulo	Community Representative	
x		Nathan Moulds	Community Representative	
x		Anthony Ching	Community Representative	
x		Caroline Xu	Community Representative	
x		Peter Zangari	Community Representative	
x		Ana Borba	Community Representative	
x		Alice Chik	Community Representative	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Poppy Wang		observer
x		Steven Lin		observer
x		Filip Shu		observer
x		Gunjan Tripathi	Senior Coordinator Social Development & Capacity Building	City of Ryde

x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Those in attendance and apologies are as above.</p> <p>Clr Zhou welcomed all present to the second meeting of this committee.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
2.	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were a number of additions regarding attendees at the previous meeting. - The following were present but did not have their names recorded: William Seung, Ana Borba and Adele Garnier. - The following information should be noted with regard to attendees: - William Seung –Chairperson, Korean Australian Community Support Inc. Former President, The Korean Society of Sydney, Australia, Vice Chairperson, Multicultural Communities Council, NSW Inc., Honorary Member, National Unification Advisory Council Korea - Adele Garnier – lecturer in politics at Macquarie University, resident of North Ryde. - Hassib Elias – President of Australian Palestinian Association, President of Holy Land Cultural Community Association Inc. - Kevin Pagaddinnimath – Co founder of Australian South Asian Forum 	<p>The information was noted.</p>
3.	<p>Council initiatives with CALD communities</p> <p><u>Ambassador Program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Ambassador program is proposed to make sure the voice of multicultural groups is heard in the City of Ryde. - If approved the role would formalise what is already happening in the local community - Ambassadors would be provided instruction as to how Council operates and the services it provides. - Ambassadors would be acknowledged at the end of each year for their work. - There would not be a limit to the number of ambassadors. - It is recommended a working party be established to establish the way the program would operate. - It will consider the training necessary, the structure of the program, etc. - The first meeting of the working party will be advised by Jonathan. - Proposed working party members are: Hassib, Kevin, Anthony, Ana and Alice. 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Jonathan to issue a meeting date and agenda for the first meeting of the working party.</p>
4.	<p>Working Parties</p> <p><u>Ambassador Program</u> – see above</p> <p><u>Racism it stops with me</u></p> <p>Council joined the above campaign in 2014 and subsequently joined with Macquarie University and the Salvation Army to devise a video to support the campaign.</p> <p>Council recently unanimously adopted a Mayoral Minute condemning racism and supporting the promotion of the Racism it stops with me campaign.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>A working party is to be established to report on ways of getting the anti racism message into the community and supporting the anti racism campaign.</p> <p>Members of the Youth Committee, Events Committee and Social Inclusion are to be encouraged to join the working party.</p> <p>Members of this committee who have expressed an interest in joining the committee include Richie, Safer, Clr Kim and Anthony.</p> <p><u>Refugee Week – 26th June 2018</u></p> <p>It was noted that Council has a number of activities arranged during this week including author talks</p> <p><u>NAIDOC</u></p> <p>NAIDOC events will be held from 26th May to 15th July.</p> <p>There is lots happening in Ryde including excursions along the Parramatta River, walking tours of Glades Bay, a NAIDOC themed Citizenship Ceremony and activities for children.</p> <p>The theme of NAIDOC week is “because of her, we can”.</p> <p><u>Funding and Grants</u></p> <p>Council currently holds workshops to assist people with applying for grants and funding and holds a specific workshop in relation to applying for Council grants.</p> <p>It is also possible to hold a workshop for members of this committee to provide them with a greater understanding of the grants that can be applied for from a number of sources.</p> <p><u>Harmony Day</u></p> <p>Historically this committee assisted with events held to recognise Harmony Day.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Harmony Expo is now held in preference to larger community style events.</p> <p>A working party to review ideas for the 2019 event is to be formed.</p> <p>Members to include: Kevin, Peter, Hassib, Safar, Jeffrey, Carolyn, Anthony, William.</p> <p><u>Domestic Violence</u></p> <p>Jonathan advised that this issue is usually highlighted as part of White Ribbon Day in November.</p> <p>He also advised the meeting of the visit which is planned to the Burwood Court in July and invited any member interested in learning more about the court process in relation to domestic violence.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>A workshop to be held with members of this committee re grant opportunities.</p> <p>Members of this committee to be invited to the general public workshop regarding Council grants.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>5. Agenda Items:</p> <p><u>Community Strategic Plan</u></p> <p>The Community Strategic Plan 2028 sets the agenda for Council’s future actions including in relation to diversity.</p> <p>Clr Zhou stated that he would like to see Council focus on overcoming the language barrier encountered by many people.</p>	<p>Any member of the committee who wishes to make a submission regarding the Community Strategic Plan was encouraged to do so as quickly as possible as the date for submissions has closed.</p>

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<p>He wants Council to be more accessible to non English speakers.</p> <p>It was noted that Council's website is not compatible with the google translate widget.</p> <p>It was suggested that events should be advertised via banners in numerous languages.</p> <p>The availability of English classes should be promoted to assist people to learn English.</p> <p>There is a need to do more than celebrate diversity, it should be engaged with as well.</p> <p>An addition is sought to the reference to Wallumedegal people so it reads that Council acknowledge the presence and heritage of the people not just presence.</p> <p>Councillor Kim noted that he has previously raised the employment of additional bilingual staff in Council.</p> <p>The suggestion was made that statistics be gathered on the number of people who use the current translation services offered by Council and the languages they use.</p> <p><u>Demographic Update</u></p> <p>The information regarding demographics of the local area was provided via handout. Links to this information will also be provided. https://profile.id.com.au/ryde/arrival-communities-interest</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>6. Other Business</p> <p><u>Name Tags</u></p> <p>The provision of nametags for committee members was discussed.</p> <p>Tags with the name of the committee and the name of the individual will be provided.</p> <p><u>Provision of food at meetings</u></p> <p>Food to be provided for future meetings that are scheduled to go past 6.30pm.</p> <p><u>Naming of the committee</u></p> <p>There was discussion regarding a possible renaming of the committee to make its purpose and function more clear.</p> <p>A decision will be made at the next meeting regarding the naming of the committee.</p> <p>Suggested names are:</p> <p>Multicultural Committee Diversity Committee Community Harmony Committee Harmony Committee</p>	<p>The information was noted</p> <p>The information was noted</p> <p>The information was noted</p>
<p>11. Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Harmony Reference Committee will be held on 30th August 2018</p>	<p>Noted.</p>