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<b>Venue:</b>	Meeting Room, Level 1A Pope Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	
<b>Time:</b>	6.30pm	Started at: 6.30pm      Closed at: 8.00pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Peter Kim	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Jonathan Nanlohy, Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**Committee Role:**

The primary role of the Multicultural Advisory Committee 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 Peter Kim	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Simon Zhou	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Bernard Purcell	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
x		Dr Felix Lo	Councillor Representative	City of Ryde
x		Hugh Lee	Community Representative	
		Adele Garnier	Community Representative	
x		Hassib Elias	Community Representative	
x		Jaewoo Kim	Community Representative	
	x	Rossella Tisci	Community Representative	
x		Molly Smith	Community Representative	
		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
x		William Seung	Community Representative	
x		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
x		Aurelia Rolman	Community Representative	
x		Kate Snailham	Community Representative	
x		Anthony Ching	Community Representative	
x		Jane Ho	Community Representative	
	x	Peter Zangari	Community Representative	
	x	Ana Borba	Community Representative	
x		Alice Chik	Community Representative	
	x	Elvis Wu	Community Representative	
x		Gurnam Singh	Community Representative	
x		Tony Tang	Community Representative	
x		William Ho	Community Representative	
x		Dr Lin Bin	Community Representative	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	x	Angela Jones-Blayney	Director – Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Lindsay Godfrey	Manager – Community and Ranger Services	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
x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde

**Details****Action**

1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions</b></p> <p>Clr Kim welcomed those in attendance and thanked Clz Zhou for his previous chairmanship.</p> <p>Those in attendance and apologies are as above.</p>	The information was noted
2.	<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were confirmed.</p>	The information was noted
3.	<p><b>Welcome New Members</b></p> <p>A number of new members have joined the Multicultural Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Each person present provided information about themselves and their reason for joining the committee.</p>	The information was noted.
4.	<p><b>Council Initiatives with CALD communities</b></p> <p><u>Multicultural Ambassador Program –update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is keen for newly arrived immigrants to feel at home and make community connections.</li> <li>• The Ambassador program will assist new immigrants connect to services through representatives who have been trained to identify referral services.</li> <li>• The intention is that an engaged community will result.</li> <li>• The working party will meet soon and will comprise interested members of this committee.</li> </ul> <p><u>Afghan Women's Wellness Group – street library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project is a partnership of CMRC and Afghan Women's group which has been ongoing for three years.</li> <li>• A therapist worked with the group to create the street libraries.</li> <li>• The program was six weeks long and focussed on womens' safety.</li> <li>• A street library is located in Anzac Park West Ryde.</li> </ul> <p><u>South Asian Film, arts and literature festival</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The festival was held in August with support from Council and various state government groups.</li> <li>• Attendance was good with politicians, consul members and the general public all attending.</li> </ul>	<p>An expression of interest to join the working party to be forwarded to all members of this committee.</p> <p>The information was noted</p> <p>Noted. Additional representation from countries such as Korea to be investigated for next year.</p>
4.	<p><b>Working Parties</b></p>	

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<p><u>Racism – it stops with me campaign – update and PACE submission with Macquarie University</u></p> <p>Alice Chik, Molly Smith and Maulana Akbar provided an update on this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 191 students took part in a recent survey on racism.</li> <li>• Most of the students have English as a second language.</li> <li>• The street and home are the most usual reported sites of racism.</li> <li>• Work places do not exhibit the same level of racism as in public places .</li> <li>• 30% of those interviewed have experienced racism.</li> <li>• They feel there is a lack of education about what racism is.</li> <li>• Social media and O week could be employed to explain racism and what it is.</li> <li>• A platform (perhaps online) could be provided for people to report racism as at present people are unsure who to report racism to.</li> <li>• Many students are not comfortable reporting incidents of racism to the police to the police.</li> <li>• Events such as a sausage sizzle could be held to promote communication about racism prevention strategies.</li> <li>• A report on the research is currently being developed and the committee will be provided an update of its progress at the next meeting in 2020.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>5. <b>Agenda Items</b></p> <p><u>Citizenship Ceremonies – update and demographics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information was provided to the group regarding the statistics from Citizenship Ceremonies for the preceding twelve months.</li> </ul> <p><u>Childcare minding – advisory Committees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare is now available to committee members during meeting times as long as two weeks’ notice is provided.</li> </ul> <p><u>Harmony Day 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This event has been held in Eastwood Plaza for the last few years.</li> <li>• It was suggested that the 2020 event be held in West Ryde Plaza as it may be more inclusive.</li> <li>• North Ryde Common was also suggested as a possible venue.</li> <li>• School groups could be encouraged to participate. Issues with allowing food stalls to operate were discussed.</li> <li>• Diwali – the recent Diwali event at North Ryde Common was well attended with over 800 people enjoying the day.</li> </ul> <p><u>Sesquicentenary events</u></p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted</p> <p>The information was noted</p>

