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<b>Venue:</b>	Via MS Teams meeting	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm      Closed at: 7.20pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM	
<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 Sarkis Yedelian OAM	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Trenton Brown	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
		Councillor Peter Kim	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
		Councillor Roy Maggio	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
		Dr Felix Lo	Community Representative	
		Hugh Lee	Community Representative	
		Adele Garnier	Community Representative	
x		Hassib Elias	Community Representative	
		Jaewoo Kim	Community Representative	
		Rossella Tisci	Community Representative	
		Molly Smith	Community Representative	
		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
	x	William Seung	Community Representative	
		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
		Aurelia Rolman	Community Representative	
		Kate Snailham	Community Representative	
	x	Anthony Ching	Community Representative	
		Jane Ho	Community Representative	
		Peter Zangari	Community Representative	
		Ana Borba	Community Representative	
x		Alice Chik	Community Representative	
		Elvis Wu	Community Representative	
		Gurnam Singh	Community Representative	
		Tony Tang	Community Representative	
		William Ho	Community Representative	
x		Dr Lin Bin	Community Representative	
x		Safar Samad	Community Representative	

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	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 Yedelian welcomed those in attendance.</p> <p>Those in attendance and apologies are as above.</p>	Noted.
2.	<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
3.	<p><b>Hong Kong Film Festival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ivan and Sharon provide background regarding this festival</li> <li>- At one time Sydney had three venues showing films from Hong Kong but over the years they have closed down</li> <li>- They noted that both Hong Kong and Sydney are cosmopolitan cities</li> <li>- Sydney hosts a number of film festivals from countries around the world</li> <li>- The films which would be shown as part of the Hong Kong Film Festival would appeal to a number of different interest groups including LGBTQ, drag queens, homeless people and family groups</li> <li>- It would be possible to focus on one topic for showing in Ryde</li> <li>- Council is asked to support the festival through the provision of funding or the use of venues or transport</li> <li>- The organisers would be prepared to give free tickets to Seniors</li> <li>- It was noted that Ryde had hosted an Armenian Film Festival</li> <li>- It was suggested that the grant application process would be the most suitable means of seeking funding</li> </ul>	The information was noted.
4.	<p><b>Council Initiatives with the CALD Community</b></p> <p><u>Multicultural Ambassador Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to the absence of Kevin, this item was deferred</li> </ul> <p><u>Make a stand against racism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alice advised that she has completed the draft pamphlet on this subject</li> <li>- Additional photos, information etc are being sought</li> </ul> <p><u>Harmony Day 2021 – Initiatives and Feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A breakfast was held to recognise Harmony Day and the feedback received was very good</li> </ul>	The information was noted.

## Details

## Action

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Service providers present shared information about what they are doing</li> <li>- There was a 3 part video series created which has been viewed 333 times</li> <li>- Some members of this Committee appear in the video</li> </ul> <p><u>Unity over Fear campaign</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council has resolved to support the campaign</li> <li>- An open letter appears online</li> <li>- Council is supporting signing of the letter which has attracted nearly 150,000 signatures to date</li> <li>- Once 150,000 signatures are achieved, the letter will be sent to the Prime Minister</li> </ul> <p><u>Refugee Week 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sue and Alice will coordinate this activity</li> <li>- Jonathan will also assist on his return</li> <li>- Any ideas about activities to conduct or groups to include, should be sent to staff</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Citizenship Ceremonies – update and demographics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 461 people became citizens</li> <li>- The most common nationalities for new citizens were China, India, South Korea, Philipines and Iran</li> <li>- Extra services are currently being held to meet the high demand by people wanting to become citizens</li> </ul>	Noted
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p><u>An evening of Truth Telling for National Reconciliation Week</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This event will be held at North Ryde School of Arts and tickets are available on line</li> <li>- It will involve truth telling through dance and song</li> </ul> <p><u>Screening of "High Ground"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This movie will be shown at the Events Cinema at Top Ryde</li> <li>- The event is sold out</li> </ul> <p><u>Ryde Men's Table</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff have received an email from this group advising that they will be meeting at West Ryde Hotel on 16<sup>th</sup> August.</li> <li>- All are welcome</li> <li>- Information to be sent to Committee members for them to pass to their contacts</li> </ul> <p><u>Council Election</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Council elections will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021.</li> <li>- All Committee members are asked to encourage people to run</li> </ul>	Noted       Noted    Link to the event to be sent to Committee members to pass to contacts

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- People from multicultural backgrounds and women are particularly to be encouraged</li><li>- ALGWA recently held an event at Council to provide information to women considering running for election</li></ul>	
7.	<b>Next Meeting:</b> The next meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Committee will be held in August 2021.	Noted.