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Venue:	Acacia Room, 1A Pope St	
Date:	24 th March 2016	
Time:	Started at: 6.00 pm	Closed at: 7.00pm
Chair:	Councillor Yedelian OAM	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy	

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 recognizes and values the diversity of the community

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Yedelian OAM	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Pendleton	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Etmekdjian	Delegate	City of Ryde
	x	Mr Hugh Lee	Community Representative	
		Ms Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
x		Mr Hassib Elias	Community Representative	
x		Mr Jon Soemarjono	Community Representative	
	x	Ms Ying-fan Yvonne Wang	Community Representative	
		Li Hua Chu	Community Representative	
		Safar Sarmed	Community Representative	
	x	Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Ivy Pang	Community Representative	
		Kim Lee	Community Representative	
	x	Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Section Manager – Social Policy and Planning	City of Ryde

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

Details**Action****Responsibility and Date**

1.	Present:	Noted.	
2.	Apologies:	Noted.	
3.	Confirmation of Minutes The minutes from the meeting of 26 th November 2015 were confirmed and endorsed.	Minutes confirmed and endorsed	

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<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Harmony Day 2016 – 20th March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The attendance at the Harmony Day event was well down on expected numbers and on previous years. - The weather, change of venue and lack of publicity may have all contributed to this. - The ceremony and speeches were delayed due to small number of attendees - During the musical group performances, only approx. 50 people were in attendance. - To improve the quality of the event in 2017, it is proposed that arrangements commence early with notification to community groups so they can make arrangements within their own communities. <p><u>Harmony Day – Unified Ryde Screening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A soft launch screening of the above film was held on 21st March 2016. - A further official launch will be held in June 2016. - Approximately 20 – 30 people attended the soft launch and subsequent discussion, with quite a few challenging questions asked and issues raised. - On 9th May 2016, the film will be screened at an event hosted by a local Indonesian group. <p><u>Racism stops with me BBQ 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed event at Ivanhoe Place did not occur but the event held previously at West Ryde was noted as having been a great success and the event worth repeating. 	<p>A subcommittee to be formed and involved with arrangements for Harmony Day in 2017.</p> <p>Meetings of the subcommittee to be held on a regular basis.</p> <p>Greater publicity of the event to be arranged through contacts in the multicultural community.</p> <p>Upon confirmation of the 2017 date for Harmony Day an EOI to be sent to community groups re formation of the subcommittee.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Jonathan and Kevin to discuss arrangements for a future bbq.</p> <p>Clr Etmekdjian noted that the Tamil School in Eastwood may be interested in hosting a bbq.</p>	
<p>5. General Discussion/Other Business</p> <p><u>ABS Census 2016 and CALD Communities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Census will be available on line when it is conducted in August 2016 - Census organisers have been in discussion with Council staff to obtain contact details for relevant people in CALD communities so that information can be provided to these groups. 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Yedelian OAM advised he would be available as a contact person for the ABS.</p> <p>Jonathan encouraged to circulate data base information with ABS.</p> <p>Details regarding the Census to be raised at Citizenship ceremonies if appropriate.</p>	

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<p>NDIS Social Inclusion Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NDIS commences on 1st July 2016. - Over 190 people are expected to attend a session on 30th March regarding the upcoming NDIS. - An expo of services on offer as well as translators will be available. <p>Community Migrant Resource Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council partnered with the Migrant Resource Centre and set up space at Eastwood when it seemed the service may be forced to close - The Centre is now funded by the Government and will be able to continue filling the gap created when other services lost funding. <p>COR Sector Development Workshops and Governance workshops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following previous successful training sessions on advocacy, negotiation etc., Council will be offering training aimed at emerging groups who are looking to become incorporated and need training on governance issues etc. - Topics to be covered will include setting up bank accounts, public liability requirements etc. - The session will be advertised to community groups via Council's database 	<p>If future NDIS information events are proposed by Council, it is recommended that local schools in addition to Ryde Primary be invited to participate.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Yedelian OAM to provide information regarding setting up of bank accounts, public liability insurance etc. for distribution with the Minutes.</p> <p>Information regarding the training session to be forwarded to community groups via database.</p>	
<p>7. Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 23rd June 2016.</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed – preference for Pope Street</p> <p>Subcommittee meeting for Harmony Day to be held prior to this.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>	